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Tulip time again in Ottawa

Festival to feature recreation of street party marking end of WWII

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With hundreds of tulips already in bloom in Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Tulip Festival will make it abundantly clear that it's tulip time in the nation's capital.

Starting Friday and running through May 24, the festival, which is estimated to attract more than 600,000 visitors, will have a special meaning this year as it celebrates the centennial of the Canadian Navy and the 65th anniversary of the liberation of the Netherlands by Canadian troops, said festival spokesperson Kim Berry.

To mark the occasion, the festival is holding its first-ever liberation street party on Sparks Street Friday to recreate the spontaneous party that broke out when the news of the end of the Second World War first hit the streets May 7, 1945.

Berry said an estimated 10,000 people will attend the free, all-day party, which runs from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.

The celebration will feature a live band, deejays, swing dancing, buskers and the Apex Jazz Band leading a parade of 1940s-era costumes and vintage cars and jeeps down Sparks Street.

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Daryl Fonseca-Holt, left, takes a picture of his wife, Wendy, in Major's Hill Park Thursday. The Winnipeg couple came to Ottawa especially for the Canadian Tulip Festival, which opens at three main sites across the city Friday.

The festival itself, held at three main sites, including Major's Hill Park, Commissioners Park and Dow's Lake and along the Rideau Canal, will also see the return of the Mirror Tent.

Programming includes a vintage wine auction and performances by the Liberation Swing Band and European singer Waylon, who makes his Canadian debut here May 15.

Held at Commissioners Park and Major's Hill Park, the National Capital Commission's Tulip Legacy Exhibit recounts the history of the Dutch Royal family's refuge in Canada during the Second World War and the contribution of Canadian troops in the liberation of the Netherlands in 1944-45. Major's Hill Park will also play host to the International Friendship Stage and the International Pavilion.

$100M
Ontario Tourism estimates the festival will have a $100-million impact on Ottawa.

The stars of the festival, of course, are the one to two million tulips, which have or will bloom over the next few weeks.

"There are some beautiful flowers right now," said Berry. "We're encouraging people to come out right now to get the full effect of it."

Still, there's more to come. "There are early, mid- and late-season flowers," Berry said.

Guergis slams Tories' decision to drop her as candidate

POLITICS It appears Helena Guergis won't go down without a fight.

The former junior cabinet minister has written the Conservative party asking it to reverse its decision to drop her as a candidate in the next election.

The party revealed Wednesday that it no longer wants her and is moving ahead with a new nomination process in the Ontario riding of Simcoe-Grey.

But Guergis says she should be given a chance to clear her name.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper booted Guergis from the party caucus in March after a private eye made allegations of tax evasion and the potential existence of compromising photographs.

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United Way Ottawa announced the final results of its 2009 fundraising campaign earlier this week. Surpassing the $31.7-million goal, Jamie McCracken, Bill Baker, Joan Highet, Scott Lawrence, Michael Allen, Rick Gibbons, Hélène Boggia and Dennis Jackson, from left, unveiled that a record-setting $32,581,690 was raised thanks to the dedication and generosity of supporters in the community. METRO OTTAWA

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Groundbreaking set for humane society's new digs

SHELTER Staff, volunteers, donors and dignitaries will break ground Friday at the site of the Ottawa Humane Society's new home at 271 West Hunt Club Rd.

The humane society cares for more than 11,000 animals each year in a shelter designed to accommodate 2,500 a year.

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ByWard **Apple Girl**

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Jacky Boughner, the self-proclaimed "apple girl" at Hall's Apple Market in the ByWard Market, arranges apples grown at a Brockville farm Thursday. Warm weather meant the market was in full swing.

Volunteers honoured for gifts to community

Contributions make city 'wonderful': Adviser

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LaDorna Penteluk loves children so much, she has more than 400.

Three are biological and three more are adopted. But if you ask the lifelong Ottawa resident, she will tell you she considers the more than 400 kids she's fostered over the last 50 years her own.

"I still keep in touch with a lot of them," said Penteluk. "A lot of them are older now, but I still hear from them.

"When they come to you, they're so quiet, and after a while, they just blossom," she said. "It's really hard when they leave. Each one has something that you really miss about them. But it's so wonderful when they find a permanent home."

On Thursday night, the 79-year-old was named one of Ottawa's four citizens of the year at the city's ninth annual civic appreciation awards ceremony. The ceremony recognizes volunteers who give of themselves to better their communities.

Other citizens of the year were Megan Ellwood (youth), Dr. Nalin Bhargava (adult), and Clarence Maheral (senior).

Dr. Nalin Bhargava

Bhargava, a local dentist, volunteers on several boards, including Bruyere Continuing Care and the United Way. He's also the founder of the Maharaja's Ball, which has raised funds for defibrillators for public access areas in Ottawa.

"I think it's important to set aside a certain amount of time to give to the community," said Bhargava.

Maheral volunteers for area food cupboards, the Knights of Columbus and the Lions Club.

"I'm a firm believer that if you want something in the community, it doesn't all have to come out of tax dollars," Maheral said.

Bill Foster received the seventh annual Brian Kilrea Award for Excellence in Coaching for his dedication to the Ottawa Irish Rugby Club, while a dozen others were also recognized.

"I think it makes a difference, their contributions," said Rob Wilkinson, a protocol adviser with the city. "Ottawa has one of the highest rates of volunteerism in the country … their contribution allows us to say it's a wonderful place to live."

Multi-ward candidate Larter has 'grand plan' to be mayor

ELECTION He was running for mayor, then he was running in College Ward and now mysterious multi-ward candidate Robert Larter has signed up to run in Kanata-North and he's just getting started.

Larter ran for mayor in 2006, and despite giving no interviews and making no attempts to promote himself, still won 667 votes.

This time, he said, he plans to register in several other wards before eventually running for mayor again.

"Next is Ward 2. This is a preamble for what's going to happen in the end," said Larter. "The grand plan is to be the mayor of Ottawa. I was in the last race, but I (was) just practising then."

One of the things he would try to do as mayor is cancel the downtown tunnel, he said.

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Farmers' market opens Sunday

LANSDOWNE The Ottawa Farmers' Market opens for its fifth season at Lansdowne Park Sunday.

Since Sunday is also Mother's Day, the first 200 moms to visit the market's information booth will be given a rose.

Once again, the market will be located north of the Aberdeen Pavilion on the east side of the Horticulture Building.

Rather than the large, open-space concept used last year, market manager Linda Cook said stalls will be set up in more of a classic market-style arrangement.

About 60 out of more than 120 member producers will have a stall set up the first weekend. Cook said they expect nearly 100 booths during July and August.

All the goods sold at the market have been produced by vendors within 100 kilometres of Ottawa, except for a fruit seller who comes from the Niagara Region for a couple of weekends in the summer.

"Our policy has always been, no reselling. Everything everyone sells at that market, they make themselves," said Cook.

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Demonstrations

- This Sunday, there will also be flower planting and cold soil gardening demonstrations, and a petting zoo.

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Tulip exhibit blooming at museum
Local artists bring giant tulips to life with the Big Bold Blooms exhibit, held at the Canadian Museum of Civilization until May 21. METRO OTTAWA

The buzz on farming

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Four-year-old George Akehurst checks out the live beehive during a visit to the newly opened Taking Care of Beesness exhibit at the Canada Agriculture Museum, Thursday.

Bees are a pretty big deal.

Apart from making delicious honey, bees also play a vital role in pollinating many Canadian crops that make up much of what we eat and wear.

"If bees don't pollinate things, they don't produce," said Franz Klingender, curator of agriculture at Canada Agriculture Museum. "If bees don't pollinate things like apple or pear trees, we don't get apple or pears. It's as simple as that."

On Sunday, the museum will open an exhibit, called Taking Care of Beesness, explaining how bees contribute to food production in Canada. The exhibit even features a live hive that allows people to observe bees in action.

Despite their vital role in helping to pollinate crops and make honey, there are no wild bee colonies in Canada. All that work is done be kept bees.

They are our smallest domesticated animal, said Kerry-Leigh Burchill, the director general of the Canada Agriculture Museum. Many beekeepers make extra money renting their bees out to farmers to help pollinate their crops, said Burchill.

There were bees here before European settlers brought their own to Canada, but wild bees were killed off by disease, pesticides and cold weather, said Klingender.

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Children's wishes are charity run's command

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MAKE-A-WISH A third annual run held Saturday will help grant 10 wishes for kids with life-threatening medical conditions through Make-A-Wish Eastern Ontario.

Through the Share the Power of a Wish event, participants can walk or run a 1-km, 5-km or 10-km route along Queen Elizabeth Drive.

Make-A-Wish Eastern Ontario got started with a child's wish for a trip to a Walt Disney World Resort in 1997. A group of volunteers got together to grant her wish.

"Here is an excellent opportunity for us to make a difference in the life of a local child facing a life-threatening medical condition." Dr. Kirsty Duncan, event steward

"Here is an excellent opportunity for us to make a difference in the life of a local child facing a life-threatening medical condition," said event steward Dr. Kirsty Duncan.

The event begins at city hall at 9 a.m.

National Gallery shown the Monet

ART EXHIBIT The National Gallery of Canada has acquired a Monet masterpiece thanks to National Gallery of Canada Foundation patron Marjorie Bronfman, Claude Monet's Rock Needle seen through the Porte d'Aval 1886. TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Prof looks to spur amphibian love

SCIENCE A University of Ottawa biology professor is helping Kermit get his groove back. With the population of amphibians declining around the world due to increase in diseases, pollution and the loss of breeding habitat, a team of researchers led by uOttawa Prof. Vance Trudeau has developed a new method to induce spawning in amphibians. TIM WIECLAWSKI/METRO OTTAWA

Stored snow no-go: Report

Building cooling program too expensive, say staffers

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Cooling buildings with snow is a no-go, according to a staff report to the city's planning committee.

The city had been examining the possibility of using stored snow and ice in place of air conditioning in some of its buildings, but upon further examination, the idea has proved too expensive, even as a pilot project.

Projections

- If the snow-cooled air resulted in an 80 per cent reduction in cooling costs, and saved $40,000 per year, city staff predicts it would take 38 years to break even on the project.

Theoretically, the snow would be collected during the winter and used to cool air for buildings during the summer, thus reducing the city's energy bill and greenhouse gas emissions.

However, in order to realize strong return on investment, the selected building would have to be the highest electrical consumer, which is the 100 Constellation Cres. complex. Cooling that building requires an average of 500,000 kWh per year, and a cost of $50,000.

To reduce those costs by 93 per cent, the cold energy snow pile would have to stand over 12 metres high. An effective storage facility would cost up to $2 million. Since there is no space near 100 Constellation Cres. to build a storage facility, it would require a complex insulated piping system, which could add $150,000.

However, Gloucester-Southgate Coun. Diane Deans said the report is based on the worst-case scenario and artificially inflates the projected cost of a facility.

Anniversary parade lauds WWII veterans

VICTORY IN EUROPE Held Friday, a parade with vintage wartime vehicles as well as a fly-past of Second World War aircraft will pay tribute to the more than one million Canadians who served in the Second World War. Beginning at 10:15 a.m. at Elgin and Lisgar streets, the parade celebrates the 65th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day (VE-Day). TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Three Canadian journalists barred from Guantanamo Bay

Three Canadian journalists are being barred from Guantanamo Bay, where they have been covering pre-trial war-crimes hearings for Omar Khadr, the Pentagon said Thursday. The reporters for the Toronto Star, Globe and Mail and Canwest News Service breached a ban on identifying a witness, according to the Pentagon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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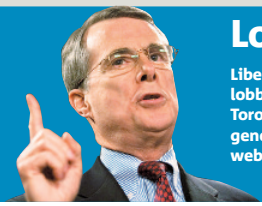

Lobbying? No no, says MP

Liberal MP Derek Lee, left, was accused Thursday of illegally lobbying the government on behalf of foreign companies. The Toronto MP dismissed the allegation as a misunderstanding generated by a misleading profile of him that appeared on the website of a Toronto law firm. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'When the living salute the dead'

Eloquent Harper salutes Europe's Canadian liberators

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and the Dutch PM paid a moving tribute Thursday to the Canadian liberators of Holland.

Dutch PM Jan Pieter Balkenende summoned the memory of a 17-year-old private from Vancouver who gave his life in 1944 during the battle that opened the port of Antwerp and the path to allied victory.

The Dutch leader said the almost 1,000 Canadians buried at a military cemetery near the Dutch-Belgium border died in the "grimmest, fiercest, most savage battle fought by the Canadian army in the Second World War."

Harper picked up on that theme in one of the most eloquent speeches of his prime ministership.

Standing in a war cemetery that holds 968 Canadians, he addressed about two dozen Canadian veterans.

"When the living come to salute the dead, our words speak loudest to those whose lives still lay ahead," Harper said.

"In this age-old act of remembrance, we gather not to call out a requiem, for those for whom we speak are not here ..."

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War veteran urges Canadians to remember what soldiers sacrificed.

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Survivor **She'll never forget that day in Montreal**

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Montreal Massacre survivor Nathalie Provost takes a moment Thursday to remember following a small commemorative ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. In 1989, a rifle-wielding Marc Lépine gunned down 28 people at École Polytechnique, killing 14 women. Provost was shot four times.

Pardons derail background checks: Liberal

CHILDREN A directive from Ottawa that has made it nearly impossible for school boards and other groups to do criminal background checks on people who work with children needs to be clarified — quickly, says an Ontario Liberal.

Liz Sandals said an agency that investigates criminal records on staff and volunteers for educational institutions can no longer access full records of sexual offenders who were granted pardons.

"There's a whole lot of people who actually interact with children on a very regular basis, and there's actually no legal way of getting at the sexual offender history," said the Liberal backbencher.

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News in brief

LAWSUIT Prime Minister Stephen Harper refuses to turf Alberta MP Devinder Shory. Shory is named in a Calgary lawsuit alleging a $70-million mortgage fraud against the Bank of Montreal. "This is a civil action, it's not a criminal matter, it's a private matter," Harper said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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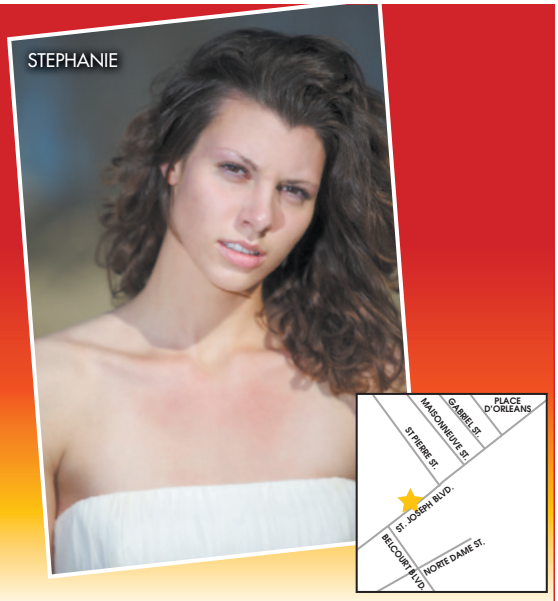

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Toyota Canada completes most repairs on recalled cars

Toyota Canada says it has repaired 84 per cent of the nearly 269,000 vehicles involved in a massive recall in February linked to defective accelerator pedals, which involves installing reinforcement bars to eliminate the excess friction blamed for a sticky feeling in the pedal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Deadline looms for Afghan detainee deal

The Conservative government and opposition parties may not be able to meet Tuesday's deadline for a deal on Afghan detainee documents.

House of Commons Speaker Peter Milliken gave parties until Tuesday to agree on how to view all documents uncensored, while protecting national security.

They continue to inch toward an agreement, but Liberal House leader Ralph Goodale says they may have to ask for an extension. He says that's not unreasonable given the importance of the issue.

"It's dealing with the Canadian public interest in a serious way and we take that responsibility seriously," Goodale said Thursday, following the third meeting of negotiators from all parties. Failure to resolve the matter among themselves would prompt a contempt of Parliament motion against the government, which could trigger a court challenge or even an election.

> **"It's dealing with the Canadian public interest in a serious way and we take that responsibility very seriously."**
> Ralph Goodale

Earlier this week, the parties expressed optimism that a deal could be reached by Friday. But opposition negotiators were more cautious Thursday after finally receiving a concrete proposal from the government, saying they need time to reflect on it.

While they wouldn't disclose details, opposition negotiators confirmed all parties have so far agreed that a small committee — made up of at least one MP from each party, all sworn to secrecy — should view all relevant documents.

The files relate to allegations that prisoners were tortured by Afghan authorities after being turned over by Canadian soldiers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Police groups unite to fight in favour of gun registry

GUN LAWS Three top police groups came together Thursday to defend the long-gun registry, even as the Conservative government called on three retired officers to speak against it.

The Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Police Association and the Canadian Association of Police Boards came out against a private-member's bill that aims to scrap the registry.

The heads of all three groups — representing police chiefs, frontline officers and the boards that employ them — said perceptions of the registry are dated and rife with misconceptions. While they acknowledged it got off to a bad start, they lamented the "misinformation" that has driven government policy and shaped public opinion on the registry of rifles and shotguns.

> **"This should not be about us-versus-them."**
> Charles Momy

They said it's not the billion-dollar boondoggle it's been made out to be. It's now under RCMP control, it's well run and it costs taxpayers just $4 million a year, they said, adding police used it 3.8 million times last year. They said it saves lives.

"We need to stop pointing fingers at one another," said Charles Momy, representing officers. "This should not be about 'us-versus-them' or rural-versus-urban, or even police-versus-politicians."

He said the registry is worth it if it prevents even one person from being killed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

ABORTION A top British medical journal is chiding the Stephen Harper government for refusing to put abortion funding on Canada's G8 agenda. An editorial in The Lancet says it's "hypocritical and unjust" for Canada to get in the way of abortions abroad when Canadian women can have them at home. "Seventy thousand women die from unsafe abortions worldwide every year," the journal states. The Conservatives refused to include abortion funding in a maternal-health plan at the G8 summit. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Toronto **It's burger time!**

PATRICK DOYLE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

People help assemble a hamburger weighing in at 590 pounds Thursday, seeking to break the record for world's largest at Yonge-Dundas Square in Toronto. BBQ chef Ted Reader led the team that carefully cooked and assembled the epic burger, but it will take time for Guinness to judge on the burger being officially named largest ever.

Drug makers seek price cut relief after health reforms

HEALTH The manufacturing costs of some generic drugs are too high to slash prices by 50 per cent under Ontario's controversial reforms, Health Minister Deb Matthews said Thursday. Negotiations have taken place for weeks with generic drug makers to work out exceptions to the rule, Matthews said after generic giant Apotex Inc. sent a letter to pharmacies warning of trouble ahead. The letter, dated Wednesday, did not specify which drugs could be in jeopardy because that information is viewed as sensitive in the cutthroat generic drug industry, sources said. There are about 10 generic companies in Ontario. Matthews said exceptions to the 50 per cent price cuts were "always part of the plan" because it's in the government's best interest to have more generic drugs on the market. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Police probe death of suspicious dog
Provincial police in Bracebridge, Ont., say they're investigating the "suspicious" death of a family pet. Police say the German shepherd cross was discovered still tied up in the yard. A playing card was left with the dead animal arousing suspicion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

G8 abortion stance sparks NDP protest

The exclusion of abortion in Prime Minister Stephen Harper's G8 maternal-health initiative had tempers flaring in the Ontario legislature Thursday.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath and two female colleagues interrupted the start of question period by standing up and covering their mouths with a piece of paper marked with an X.

The protest was meant to draw attention to federal funding cuts to women's groups, which the NDP claim is Harper's way of silencing critics who dare to question his policies.

Heckled by a Liberal backbencher, Horwath, France Gelinas and Cheri DiNovo stood in silence until the Sergeant-at-Arms took away their props.

"Women across Canada refuse to be silenced about abortion or any other issue that..." Horwath said, before her microphone was cut off by Speaker Steve Peters.

The steamed Speaker chastised the women for flouting the rules of the legislature, which prohibit props of any kind unless he approves them first.

"I'm disturbed at the incident that has just taken place, because it was obvious that it was planned," he said.

Reporters, who were told about the protest in advance, raised Peters' suspicions when they showed up in the legislature armed with cameras. The demonstration wasn't "the normal way to do things," but the issue is too important to ignore, Horwath said outside the legislature.

"I believe it was the right thing to do," she said.

"Anything that any other MPP in this chamber can do, I would encourage to do ... to try to get the prime minister of this country to acknowledge that women do have reproductive rights here, that we do have the right to abortion and that we do have the right to have a voice in the issues that affect our lives and affect our health."

The demonstration came just a few days after Conservative Senator Nancy Ruth shocked aid groups by using an expletive when warning them of a possible backlash for opposing Harper's foreign-policy position on abortion. The remarks were reportedly meant as friendly advice, but were met with gasps of disbelief from the groups. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Recently...

- The Harper government has come under fire for insisting that it won't fund abortion as part of its centrepiece child- and maternal-health initiative at the G8 Summit in Huntsville, Ont., next month.

Trenton **Final farewell**

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People line the road Thursday to watch the hearse carrying the casket of Petty Officer 2nd Class Craig Blake leave CFB Trenton in Trenton, Ont. Blake was killed Monday when a roadside bomb exploded west of Kandahar City.

Nova Scotia too broke for vision drug

HEALTH Nova Scotia's health minister says the province is simply too broke to pay for a costly but effective drug used to treat those suffering from age-related vision loss.

A family delegation came to the legislature Thursday to ask Maureen MacDonald to consider funding for Lucentis, a drug used to combat macular degeneration.

It's estimated funding Lucentis would cost the province $4.5 million in the first year and would rise to $10 million in the third year of its inclusion in the formulary.

Betty Jennings, who came to Province House on behalf of her 73-year-old mother, said her mother faces other health problems, ranging from depression to an increased chance of falls, if she doesn't get the drug.

"If you're asking where the money for this will come from, I think the money will come from all the medical treatments the government is not going to have to pay for if these people can see," she said.

Jennings was accompanied by her two sisters. They all wore jewelry their mother made when her vision was better. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coming soon

- Maureen MacDonald said her government will attempt to negotiate an agreement with pharmaceutical firms this year to reduce the overall cost of generic drugs, and use those savings to pay for drugs such as Lucentis.

Minister faces contempt on overdue docs

LAW Environment Minister Jim Prentice might find himself in contempt of Parliament if his department doesn't clear a backlog of late annual reports.

Liberal MP Derek Lee said Prentice has until next month to get Environment Canada to deliver four years of overdue documents.

If the reports don't arrive soon, Lee said he will ask Parliament to find Prentice in contempt.

"I'd go to the floor of the House and say that this is a flagrant failure," Lee said Thursday. The veteran Toronto-area MP added: "If it's not here before the summer, I'd ... want to have a firm date commitment. I'd be checking on this some time about the first of June." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

POLITICS A Quebec cabinet minister has been booted from his post, eliminated from caucus, and the provincial police have been called in to investigate him. Premier Jean Charest said he booted Tony Tomassi from the Liberal caucus after learning that, while he was a member of the legislature, he had used a credit card belonging to a private security firm.

CRIME Toronto police are offering separate $50,000 rewards and protection for information leading to arrests and convictions in two shooting deaths. The rewards are for information in the deaths of Aeon Grant, 19, and Tyrell Duffus, 22, two months apart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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B.C. spent nearly $1 million on Games tickets

The B.C. government has released its report on hosting the 2010 Winter Games and says the province spent more than $970,000 on Olympic and Paralympic tickets. The report says the province used more than 4,600 tickets in all. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nine nabbed in firebombings

Investigators may have taken a big step toward solving a whodunit that gripped Montreal in recent months: Why were 18 businesses, mainly Italian coffee shops, firebombed?

Nine people, including a minor, have been arrested and face charges, but police said Thursday they still don't have a clear motive for the attacks.

Police said they're considering various possibilities: A power struggle pitting street gangs versus the Italian Mafia, a war between rival Mob clans, or a tit-for-tat battle between street gangs.

"It's too early to assign a motive for all the attacks."
Insp. Bernard Lamothe

"These all remain hypotheses," said Insp. Bernard Lamothe of the Montreal police organized-crime unit. "It's an investigation that's complex.

"It's too early to assign a motive for all the attacks."

Five of the nine were arraigned Thursday at the Montreal courthouse on charges of arson, mischief, armed robbery, conspiracy, and possession of prohibited weapons and incendiary materials.

"Most of the people are known to police; they have criminal backgrounds and are associated to street gangs," Lamothe said.

He said the accused have ties to different street gangs and that five of the 18 attacks, which occurred between last September and this past January, have been solved.

Those arraigned included Sebastien Calixte, 22, who made headlines last week when he appeared as a defence witness in a murder trial.

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Moose Jaw **She's aiming high**

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Commanding officer Lt.-Col. Maryse Carmichael marches at the Canadian Forces Snowbirds change of command ceremony at 15 Wing Base Thursday in Moose Jaw, Sask. Carmichael takes over command from Lt.-Col. Steve Will, and becomes the first female commanding officer of the Snowbirds.

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Odds stacked against Khadr, experts say

TRIBUNAL Omar Khadr's lawyers face almost insurmountable hurdles in defending the Canadian against war crimes, because the military-commission process under which he is being tried is stacked against him, experts watching the proceedings in Guantanamo Bay say.

The observations come amid fresh testimony Thursday from an interrogator, who threatened the captive teenager with stories of Afghan prisoners being gang raped in U.S. prisons to get him to talk.

The testimony was part of defence efforts to have self-incriminating statements Khadr made thrown out as the product of torture. Still, Audrey Macklin, a University of Toronto law professor, said the rules "cripple the defence." THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

SENTENCE An N.B. judge sentenced the driver in a hit-and-run case that killed a woman in a wheelchair last summer to two years plus a day Thursday, calling her decision not to return to the crime scene "callous." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wayward whale still delighting B.C. folk

SEA LIFE A grey whale that entertained Vancouver residents by travelling down the city's busy False Creek is also believed to have captivated crowds in Squamish, B.C., last week, says a spokesman for the Fisheries Department.

"We think it's the same one because the whale in Squamish disappeared at the same time," said Paul Cottrell, the department's marine mammal co-ordinator.

He said Thursday the whale seems to have arrived in Vancouver to feast on herring spawn.

Squamish also had a recent herring spawn, and Cottrell said it seems the whale may have made a food stop in Vancouver before heading north to its summer feeding grounds.

The grey whale spent several hours in False Creek Wednesday and returned Thursday morning before being spotted heading off North Vancouver's coast.

"It's a wonderful opportunity for people to see the animal," Cottrell said of the brief visit.

He said there were concerns the small False Creek, with so much boat traffic, anchors and lines in the water, would be a harmful place for the whale. Cottrell said grey whale visits aren't unusual and a few years ago a grey swam up the Fraser River and hung around for a few days.

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Fewer flyers, but still making money
The Halifax International Airport Authority reported a $3.3-million surplus Thursday, even though passenger traffic decreased by 4.5 per cent in the most recent fiscal year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Waylon's invasion

Dutch singer to tour Canada this month

Sixty-five years ago, Canadians helped liberate Holland in the Second World War.

Now, the first Dutch solo artist on the famed Motown label is preparing to invade Canada.

Waylon's debut foray across our borders will be purely friendly, however, and he's looking forward to a four-city swing that will take him to the Canadian Tulip Festival in Ottawa May 15, followed by shows in Montreal May 18, Toronto May 19 and Vancouver a day later.

The close connection between Canada and the Netherlands is not lost on the soulful rocker, whose raspy vocals make him sound a little like a young Rod Stewart.

"The town where I was born, Apeldoorn, is like a royal city and every year there is a huge parade of all the old Canadian soldiers, so I really grew up with that feeling," the 30-year-old said.

He added that one of the first songs he recorded, when he was around 13, was with a Canadian couple who were living in Holland at the time. "They live in Canada right now so maybe I'm going to meet them, too, but Canada's a big country," he said.

Waylon, whose birth name is Willem Bijkerk, had a variety of musical influences going back to childhood but two of the strongest were Michael Jackson and country singer Waylon Jennings, from whom he took his stage name.

Jackson had a strong influence on him as an artist, Waylon said. "He did everything. He acted, he made music, he wrote his own lyrics and all things. He danced. He was everything. He was the whole package. That's what inspired me."

Soul singer Waylon, who took his name from Waylon Jennings and is the first Dutch artist signed by the fabled Motown label, will be crooning his way through four Canadian cities this month.

His father was a big fan of Jennings and the young Waylon tried to imitate the country star, strumming a little plastic guitar and wearing a baseball cap with a Waylon logo on it.

"People started calling me 'Little Waylon,'" he said.

He actually met his idol after he released his first single on EMI when he was around 20. Jennings called him and invited him to join him on tour.

"I worked with him and lived with him for a year in his house in Nashville. That was an amazing time, of course, to get to work with your idol. It was pretty deep."

The tour never materialized. Jennings, who suffered from diabetes, had to be hospitalized and never toured again. His death Feb. 13, 2002, hit Waylon hard.

Jennings had given him his guitar and a lot of life lessons, although Waylon says those didn't sink in until a few years ago, after he had become addicted to drugs. "I was pretty hooked," he said. "It almost killed me because I overdosed one night. I woke up in the hospital and after that I decided to change. This was not the way to live my life."

He thought back on what Jennings had taught him — "the only person that you can be is yourself ... and don't ever limit yourself. I think you need to get older to understand those lessons. I was 20 years old and thought the whole world was mine but it wasn't."

Waylon channelled his experiences into his new CD, Wicked Ways, which had its North American launch last month. Universal Motown Group, signed him last year.

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Canadian scientists headed to oil spill site

OIL SPILL A team of three Halifax-area scientists is headed to the site of a massive oil spill off the U.S. Gulf Coast.

The group, from the Bedford Institute of Oceanography, arrives in Louisiana Friday to begin assessing cleanup methods.

A blown-out well has been spewing hundreds of thousands of litres a day into the Gulf of Mexico since an offshore drilling rig exploded and sank last month, killing 11 people.

Scientist Kenneth Lee said the oil is tricky to clean up because it's mixing with sea water and becoming thick.

Lee said his team will study the use of chemical oil dispersants, which he likens to dishwashing detergent. He added the dispersants break down oil slicks into small droplets, which can be diluted by tides and currents.

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McNeil won't say who sent emails

EMAIL LEAK Nova Scotia Liberal Leader Stephen McNeil says he won't make any accusations on who might have used a confidential party email list to send out comments critical of his leadership. Some media outlets are citing senior party sources, saying the critical emails came from an official in the office of the party's deputy leader, Diana Whalen. McNeil is facing a mandatory leadership review May 15 at a party convention.

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Officials looking into diaper rash

U.S. safety officials are looking into a handful of reports of severe rashes caused by new types of Pampers diapers. The Consumer Product Safety Commission started an investigation this week following complaints of babies and toddlers suffering severe and persistent diaper rashes and blisters that resemble chemical burns. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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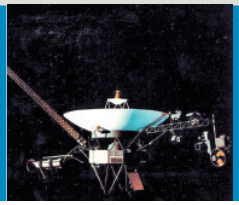

Spacecraft having technical difficulties

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory says engineers are trying to diagnose a problem in data from the aging Voyager 2 spacecraft, left, near the edge of the solar system. A JPL statement Thursday says there appears to be a problem in a system that formats data sent to Earth. An unexpected change has prevented mission managers from decoding science data. Voyager 2 and its twin, Voyager 1, were launched in 1977 and are now the most distant human-made objects after a tour of the outer planets. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

If you don't succeed, try 959 more times

LICENCE A South Korean woman who earned a driver's licence after 960 tries is ready to buy a car and get behind the wheel.

Yonhap news agency reported Thursday that 69-year-old Cha Sa-soon passed the driving part of the test last month on her 10th try. South Korea requires a written test first, and Cha took it nearly daily since April 2005 before passing last year.

Yonhap quoted her as saying she wanted to buy a small secondhand car to visit her son and daughter and for her business selling vegetables.

Repeated calls seeking comment from her went unanswered. Officials at the drivers' licence agency in Jeonju, 210 kilometres south of Seoul, were not available for comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dozens feared dead in capsizing

CONGO A Red Cross official says 80 people are missing and feared dead after an overloaded canoe capsized on a river in eastern Congo. Disaster management official Jean-Claude Anyasi says 45 people have been rescued from the Congo River near the city of Kindu, the capital of Congo's eastern Maniema province. He said there were 125 people aboard Wednesday and that rescue efforts are ongoing. Congo is a vast country of jungles and huge rivers in Central Africa with little more than 500 kilometres of paved road. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Greek crisis sends markets on ride

Recovery follows massive drop as Greece approves stringent austerity measures

North American stock markets embarked on a brief but dizzying roller-coaster ride Thursday that had all the earmarks of a classic panic selloff in the face of spreading economic turmoil in Greece.

Trading was down all day, but remained orderly until shortly after 2:30 p.m. EDT, when Wall Street, Bay Street and currency markets all suddenly pitched headlong into a blackout-inducing plunge.

The Dow Jones in New York tumbled 600 points in about six minutes to come close to a 1,000-point loss, the low point of a turbulent day for the world's most important stock market. The index later recovered to a loss of nearly 350 points at the close.

The Toronto Stock Exchange fell more than 450 points — a drop of more than four per cent — before recovering to near break-even.

The Canadian loonie nosedived by more than four cents to fall below 93.02 cents US — the first time it had been that low since early February. It later recovered to close down more than two cents at 95.03 cents US.

"This is the kind of day we last saw in 2008," said CIBC chief economist Avery Shenfeld, referring to the beginning of the financial crisis on Wall Street that precipitated a global recession. "Everybody is trying to stay ahead of the lemmings that are jumping off the cliff."

The biggest news in Europe was that the Greek parliament had approved stringent austerity measures that clear the way to receiving a $145-billion bailout package. The news should have eased the concerns of investors, not added to them.

Some traders said there had been unsubstantiated rumours that the Germany parliament was poised to turn down its part of the Greek aid on Friday, but analysts added that all indications were the relief package would pass. THE CANADIAN PRESS

$140M in bailout loans

- Greek legislators approved a crucial austerity bill Thursday needed to tap $140 billion US in bailout loans from the other 15 eurozone countries and the International Monetary Fund — money needed to avoid a debt default.

350 The Dow Jones in New York closed at a loss of 350 points, after a roller-coaster day that saw it fall 600 points in six minutes.

4% The Toronto Stock Exchange fell more than 450 points — or four per cent — before rebounding to near par.

95.03 The loonie closed down about two cents at 95.03 cents US, after earlier falling four cents.

U.K. Tories projected to win most seats; Brown talks coalition

ELECTION British Prime Minister Gordon Brown indicated Friday he might attempt to form a coalition government, seeking to keep his Labour Party in power following an election in which the Conservatives were projected to claim the most seats but not get a majority in parliament.

The exit polls reflected uncertainty over who will form the next government and Britain's top three parties — the Conservatives led by David Cameron, Labour and the Liberal Democrats — immediately began jockeying to form alliances.

Speaking in his home district in Scotland, Brown vowed to "play my part in Britain having a strong, stable and principled government" — the clearest sign yet that he would try to cling to power and seek an alliance with the third-place Liberal Democrats. Brown also pledged action on election reform — a key demand of his would-be partners.

An analysis by Britain's main television stations suggested the Conservatives will win 305 of the 650 House of Commons seats, short of the 326 seats needed for a majority. Labour was seen winning 255 seats and the Liberal Democrats 61, far less than had been expected after their support surged during the campaign.

If the projections stand, political wrangling and uncertainty is ahead for one of the world's largest economies — a prospect that could unsettle global markets already reeling from the Greek debt crisis and fears of wider debt contagion in Europe.

Before the vote, a sombre warning came from the European Union: Britain's budget deficit is set to eclipse even that of Greece next year. Whoever winds up in power faces the daunting challenge of introducing big budget cuts to slash Britain's huge deficit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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British Conservative leader David Cameron visits a pub early Friday in his constituency.

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Man charged with raping, torturing woman after bringing her to U.S.
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Police say the woman told authorities she was raped and tortured during a one-year period after she moved to Connecticut in 2008. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, two women who lost relatives in a tornado that swept through the village cry by the remains of destroyed houses in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality Thursday.

Tornado kills dozens

A tornado and strong winds swept through southwestern China early Thursday, killing at least 29 people and injuring nearly 200, the Ministry of Civil Affairs said.

More than 70,000 people were relocated after torrential wind, rain and hail lashed the city of Chongqing overnight, the ministry said on its website. One person remains missing and 190 have been hurt, it said.

Thousands of buildings have been damaged in the hardest hit counties of Liangping and Dianjiang, disaster relief officials said, according to the official Xinhua News Agency.

In Dianjiang, storms destroyed 980 residential buildings and damaged more than 10,000. The damage was estimated at more than $17.6 million US, a county government spokesman said.

Xinhua said the tornado struck the area around 2 a.m. Thursday. Winds reached up to 112 km/h, while heavy rains pounded the area over a 24-hour period.

The Chongqing municipal civil affairs bureau has sent 300 tents, 1,000 quilts and emergency lights to the affected regions. In addition, municipal health authorities have dispatched two teams of medical workers to storm-hit areas.

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News in brief

WEATHER The El Nino condition in the Pacific Ocean seems to be easing and could be over by June, U.S. government climate experts reported Thursday. If conditions do revert to neutral, it could complicate forecasting this summer's hurricanes, since El Nino years tend to have fewer storms than normal in the Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. Last month, forecasters Philip J. Klotzbach and William M. Gray of Colorado State University said they foresee above-average storm activity for the Atlantic hurricane season due to a warming of tropical Atlantic "and a more confident view that the current El Nino will weaken."

SPACE NASA engineers successfully catapulted the new Orion crew capsule about 1.6 kilometres into the air Thursday morning as part of a test of a launch-abort system. The launch-abort system hurtled the capsule from a desert launch pad and reached speeds of about 724 km/h in just 2.5 seconds. The launch-abort system is designed to whisk astronauts and the capsule to safety in case of a problem on the launch pad, such as a fire, or during the climb to orbit. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S.-Mexican border deadlier for illegals

STATISTICS The number of people who died trying to cross the U.S.-Mexico border illegally last year rose to 417, the first increase in four years, despite declines in apprehensions, according to an advocacy group.

The number of deaths hit a peak of 492 in 2005, but had fallen every year since then to a low of 390 in 2008, the National Foundation for American Policy said Thursday, citing U.S. Border Patrol statistics.

Meanwhile, apprehensions of illegal immigrants trying to cross the southern border fell to 538,000 last year, down from 705,022 the previous year.

Apprehensions peaked at 1.17 million in 2005, according to the foundation, which supports increasing visas for people to legally come to the U.S.

A lack of U.S. jobs and tighter enforcement are thought to be reasons for the steady drops in apprehensions.

Fortification of the nearly 2,000-mile border has forced migrants to enter the United States at areas with more difficult terrain, making crossing the border illegally more deadly.

Men, women and children are among the dead each year. The U.S. Border Patrol regularly rescues migrants who are felled by searing heat.

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417 Number of people who died trying to cross illegally from Mexico into the U.S. last year.

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Not enough trained Afghans: U.S. officials

U.S. officials told a Senate panel that there aren't nearly enough trained Afghans to take control of key Taliban strongholds like Marjah after the military has pushed out the enemy. The lack of competent local officials in southern Afghanistan could keep the U.S. on the hook — financially and militarily — for years to come. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Manicure in the ICU

Complaints over makeshift hospital beauty salon

Two county hospital workers in Los Angeles were placed on paid leave after anonymous complaints they set up a makeshift beauty salon for fellow employees in an intensive care ward for newborns, authorities said.

The two complaints said manicures and eyebrow waxes were given to nurses and doctors in the neonatal intensive care unit at county-run Olive View-UCLA Medical Center.

"The smell of acetone permeates the back area of the NICU," according to one complaint obtained by the Los Angeles Times and reported Thursday. The same complaint alleged a doctor "had a French manicure right on the high-frequency ventilator."

No babies in the intensive care unit were harmed, officials said.

The complaints were made to the Joint Commission, a non-profit group that accredits the hospital.

The county Department of Health Services sent an investigator to the hospital Tuesday and has placed two employees on paid leave while it investigates.

"We've quickly taken decisive action," said Carol Meyer, the health department's chief network officer.

One complaint also alleged the neonatal ICU is understaffed and unqualified doctors and staff made mistakes and failed to report them.

Those allegations also are being investigated, Meyer said.

"There's no patient who is unsafe," she said.

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Hospital also investigating

- Carolyn Rhee, the chief executive of the hospital, says they are also investigating the complaints, and "the first concern of the hospital is always patient safety and quality of care."

Belarus **A good harvest means good eatin'**

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Belarusians celebrate the pagan ceremonial Yurya, in the village of Pogost, some 250 kilometres south of Minsk on Thursday. The annual tradition is devoted to Yurya, the pagan god who protects harvests, and is meant to promote good future harvests.

News in brief

OBITUARY Computer technology pioneer and venture capitalist Max Palevsky, perhaps best-known for funding then-start-up chipmaker Intel Corp., has died. He was 85. Palevsky died of heart failure Wednesday at his Beverly Hills home, his wife Jodie Evans told the Los Angeles Times. The early high-tech pioneer transformed mainframe computer builder Scientific Data Systems into an industry powerhouse that he sold to Xerox for $1 billion in 1969. He then became a founder and director of Intel. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thai PM offers early elections if protests stop

PROTESTS Thailand's prime minister said Thursday he would dissolve Parliament in September, paving the way for new elections demanded by anti-government protesters if they end their crippling occupation of Bangkok's commercial district.

But the demonstrators said they would not go home until the government made its promise official and specified a date for the legislature's dissolution. On Monday, Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva unveiled a roadmap to reconciliation that included an offer of new elections on Nov. 14 — about a year before his term would end — if they pulled out of their barricaded encampment in the heart of the Thai capital. Leaders of the anti-government movement, known as the Red Shirts, welcomed that plan, which takes into account their main grievances. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Turkey facing potential constitutional amendments
Turkish lawmakers were voting late Thursday on a raft of fiercely contested constitutional amendments about civilian courts and judge appointments. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Members of a U.S. environmental service crew walk the shoreline of Bay St. Louis, Miss., in search of debris and dead marine wildlife on Monday.

There's no oil here yet

Florida officials work to dispel rumours

There are no tar balls on Florida beaches. No sheen has washed ashore anywhere in the state. Forecasters are predicting it will be five days or more before any oil from the Gulf spill could arrive on Florida's shores — and even then they say the damage may be minimal and isolated.

But that reality isn't the perception among some would-be out-of-state tourists, who have been calling seaside resorts this week from the Panhandle to the Keys, fearing the beaches are about to blacken and ruin their vacations. Some hotels are reporting 10 per cent cancellations.

"We've got a horrible problem with rumour control," said David Halstead, the state's emergency management director.

"We are not two or three days away from it hitting the shore. We need to dispel those rumours ... The beaches are still open."

Kathy Torian, a spokeswoman for Visit Florida, the state's tourism bureau, said the agency has put an advisory and interactive map on its website to remind visitors how big the state is and that even if oil stains one beach there are plenty more. Tourism is the state's No. 1 industry.

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Elderly man pleads guilty to strangling wife

An elderly man has admitted to strangling his wife inside their suburban Philadelphia apartment after he accused her of infidelity and she laughed at him. Eighty-year-old Rudi Koos pleaded guilty to third-degree murder Wednesday in Montgomery County Court. Prosecutors say they'll seek jail time for Koos. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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William Burney pulls a couch out of his mother's home as he helps her salvage flood-ravaged belongings on Thursday in Nashville, Tenn.

Flood's death toll rises to 30

City crews were set to begin hauling away residents' flood-ruined possessions in Nashville on Thursday and were reopening some roads closed by high water in the aftermath of flooding that killed at least 30 people in the southern U.S.

As the rain-swollen Cumberland River continued to recede Wednesday, Nashville's downtown remained without power and one of two water plants was disabled, but officials said progress was being made on both problems.

Mayor Karl Dean estimates the damage from weekend flooding could easily top $1 billion in Nashville alone.

Officials in Tennessee on Thursday reported the state's 20th death from the storm. The deaths of at least 30 people in Tennessee, Mississippi and Kentucky were blamed on weekend flooding and tornadoes.

The new death was in Memphis, where police reported that Terrance Williams, 32, went missing Saturday after his car was disabled in rising floodwaters. Police found a body Wednesday but haven't yet released the identity. Two other people were missing in Nashville, and searches are under way for two in Kentucky.

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News in brief

JAILED A U.S. appeals court on Thursday issued an emergency stay blocking, at least temporarily, the release of nine jailed Michigan militia members accused of conspiring to overthrow the U.S. government.

BEHEADING A man who allegedly carried two severed human heads into a police station in Grenada was denied bail on Thursday after a large crowd gathered outside a courthouse and hurled insults at him.

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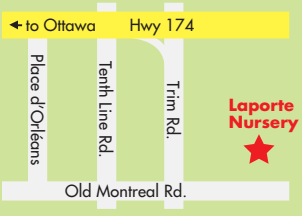

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A Special Mother's Day Message For New Mom's & Babies!

Oral health is something that should be highly valued! One of the most valuable lessons you can pass along to your children is the importance of good oral hygiene.

Actually, the road to a beautiful, healthy smile for your baby begins long before the first tooth erupts. A baby's teeth begin forming before birth. All the primary (baby) teeth are present in a baby's jawbones at birth. The teeth begin to appear about six months after birth and all the primary teeth are usually visible around the age of three.

As a mother, you play a very big part in helping your baby develop healthy teeth and gums. Daily dental cleaning should begin as soon as your baby's first tooth appears. Try wiping the baby's gums and teeth after each feeding with a piece of clean gauze or damp cloth to remove plaque. This will allow your infant to get used to having the inside of their mouth touched, and will help prepare them for proper brushing and flossing later.

Dental problems can begin early in life. A major concern is baby bottle tooth decay which can result from an infant using a bottle during naps or at night; or when they nurse continuously from the breast. Babies should not be allowed to fall asleep with a bottle, and at-will nighttime breast-feeding should be avoided after the first primary (baby) teeth begin to appear.

The discomfort of new teeth erupting in the mouth can cause your child to become irritable. You can help to ease some of this discomfort by lightly rubbing your baby's gums with a clean finger, a cool, wet gauze pad or a cooled teething ring. You should also check the baby's teeth periodically for early signs of tooth decay. Cavities can appear as white, yellow or brown spots or lines on the teeth.

Plaque bacteria occurs faster in children than it does in adults and oral diseases (among the most untreated of all childhood diseases) can result in severe tooth decay and pain for the affected child, interfering with eating, sleeping, speaking, learning and playing, whereas children with healthy teeth and gums chew foods easily, learn to speak clearly and grow to smile with confidence.

As a new mom you should make sure your child's teeth are clean and brushed until your child is five to six years of age, at which time they can be taught to brush and floss properly on their own. **The habits your child develops as a baby will not only carry them through their formative years, but can be reflected in beautiful, healthy smiles for a lifetime.**

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Bomb scare leads to standoff

Authorities were in a standoff with a man on a New Hampshire Greyhound bus Thursday, after a passenger reported an explosive device on board. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gunman from Mumbai attacks sentenced to die

India sentenced to death Thursday the only surviving gunman from the bloody Mumbai attacks, punishing the 22-year-old Pakistani man who became the face of the assault after being caught on video storming a train station armed with an assault rifle.

Mohammed Ajmal Kasab, who covered his face with hands and wept when the sentence was announced, was found guilty Monday of murder and waging war against India for his role in the three-day siege that claimed 166 lives in the nation's financial capital.

A photograph of Kasab wielding an assault rifle at the train station became the iconic image of the attacks. People outside the station set off firecrackers in celebration Thursday after the sentence was announced.

Judge M.L. Tahaliyani said Kasab "shall be hanged by the neck until he is dead."

In rejecting Kasab's contention that he had committed the crime under duress and pressure from militants, the judge added: "Such a person can't be given an opportunity to reform himself."

The death sentence must be reviewed by the High Court.

Kasab can also appeal the decision and apply for clemency to the state and central governments, though his lawyer said that no decision had been made yet on the next step.

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Attacks

- The November 2008 siege — when 10 young men armed with assault rifles attacked two luxury hotels, a Jewish centre and a busy train station — reverberated across India. Millions watched on television as the rampage turned into a siege on the hotels, while guests and staff hid.

Dublin teen convicted of murdering 2 with screwdriver

MURDER A jury has convicted a 19-year-old Dubliner of murdering two Polish men with a screwdriver outside their front door, a 2008 crime that highlighted anti-immigrant tensions in Ireland.

The jury of eight women and four men found David Curran responsible Thursday for fatally stabbing 28-year-old Pawel Kalite and 27-year-old Marius Szwajkos, both mechanics, in their heads.

Curran had pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Last month he testified that he attacked both men after consuming vodka, marijuana and narcotics. The jury acquitted Curran's 21-year-old friend Sean Keogh of murder. Curran will be sentenced later this month.

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Ottawa goes (slightly) Hollywood

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Ottawa is not considered a hot spot for celebrity sightings.

Our local star machine is politics, sometimes called show business for ugly people, and still most cabinet ministers can go about their business here completely unrecognized. There are no operatives of TMZ, no masses of autograph hunters, paparazzi or gossip bloggers.

Most of the time, we seem fairly at home with our less-than-glamorous image, though sometimes you'll hear someone make a slightly desperate reach for reflected glory, like claiming Tom Cruise as a native son because he briefly attended high school here. The attempted proclamation of Shannon Tweed Day last summer falls into this category.

The appearance of country singer Carrie Underwood at the occasional Senators game (she's engaged to centre Mike Fisher) was more than enough to create excitement among those who are excited by such things.

It's understandable, then, that there's been some local curiosity about the filming of Sacrifice, a $6.8-million production starring Cuba Gooding Jr. and Christian Slater.

My neighbours were, if not abuzz, at least somewhat interested to hear that Slater was filming a scene on my street earlier this week. (I used to live in Vancouver, where the film business was synonymous with locals for traffic disruption, so my first instinct was to avoid the area entirely.)

Sacrifice is not the sort of movie that's likely to have filmgoers flocking to Ottawa to experience first-hand the scenery they glimpsed on the screen. While our city is utterly lovely from certain angles, we also have plenty of anonymous, generic territory that could easily be anywhere else in North America. In Sacrifice, we're doubling as L.A. and, oddly, Toronto, a city that makes a decent living pretending to be other cities on film and TV.

The high Canadian dollar has erased some of our competitive advantage in attracting budget-minded productions recently. But Toronto's and Vancouver's film offices still figure that movie and TV production contribute $800 million and $1 billion, respectively, to their local economies annually.

We're a long, long way from doing that kind of business in Ottawa, and perhaps in need of a little more practice in sealing the deal. Source Code, a $35-million science fiction flick starring Jake Gyllenhaal, would have injected an estimated $200,000 in Ottawa, but filmmakers and Via Rail couldn't come to terms on the use of the Ottawa train station this spring. Money was a sticking point, and they decided to film the scenes in Montreal instead.

Better luck next time. For now, Ottawa's star quality remains largely undiscovered by Hollywood, and by many Canadians for that matter.

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Worth mentioning

Shoe architect's heels take a step up

A designer known as Romania's "shoe architect" has come out with a new pair of sandals that increase a woman's height by 30 centimetres.

The new shoes are being compared to skyscrapers because of their towering heels. But the price also may have something to do with it. In a nation, where the average salary is $575 a month, the hand-crafted sandals are selling for up to $1,525.

"Heels have an advantage because (many women) don't have long legs," said Mihai Albu, who's had a 20-year love affair making stilettos.

"They reposition the waist," he said in an interview earlier this week in his Bucharest atelier.

High heels have become fashionable, but Albu's are at least twice the height of ones that international designers have been flirting with for several years.

For instance, in Washington last month independent boutiques were strutting footwear that seemed revolutionary, such as apple red patent and black stiletto heels. But the platforms were only four centimetres and the red heels 11 centimetres.

"This is unusual, but I think we can expect many other fashion houses to be doing this," said Marcellous Jones, editor-in-chief of the Fashion Insider online magazine, by telephone.

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Romanian designer Mihai Albu displays one of his shoe creations in Bucharest.

"They are impractical, but there are women who are brave enough to wear them. They get attention for the wearer and the designer," Jones said.

Albu, a former architect, blends math, architecture and art in his creations, which are more foot sculpture than regular footwear.

He uses French leather and encrusts it with jewels, feathers, mirrors, and taps into Romanian women's perennial love affair with high heels.

Despite the price, Albu says he has received dozens of orders for his new sandals from Romania's well-heeled.

"I am creating a constructed chaos," he said, describing his extravagant sandals in architectural terms. In addition to their breathtaking height, his footwear features special effects and its appearance varies, depending on the angle. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Jeremy Rifkin (7:00 pm)
Author, 'The Empathic Civilization: The Race to Global Consciousness in a World in Crisis'
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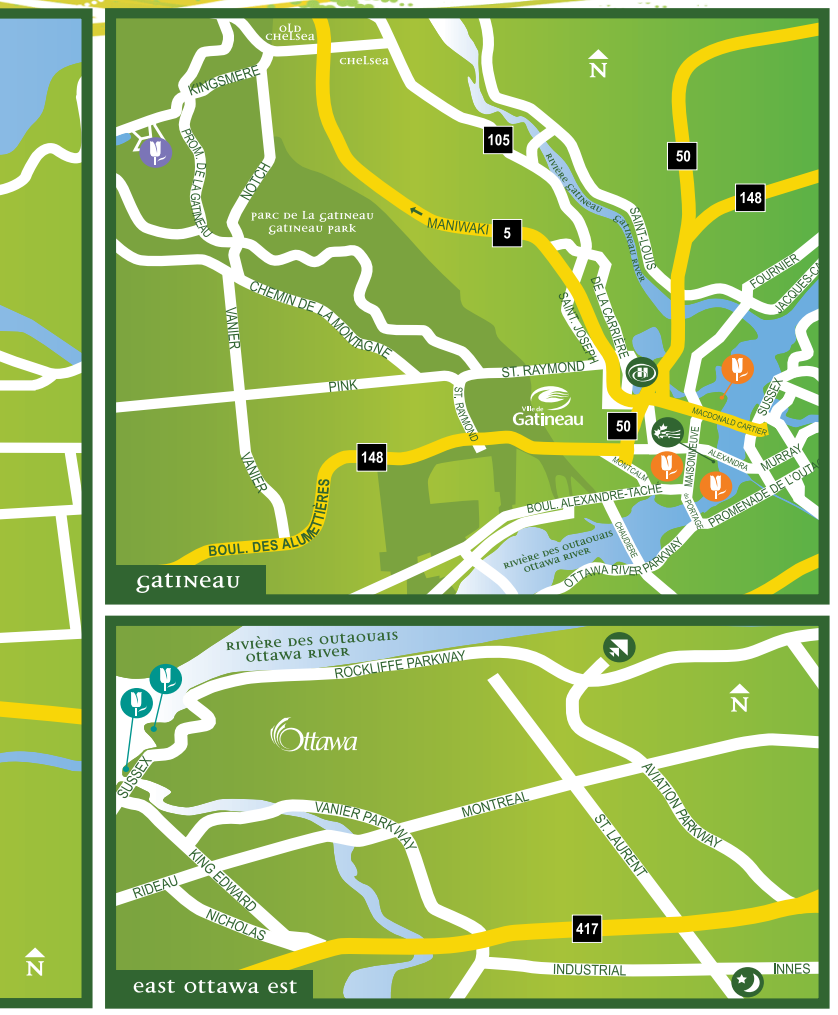

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Vendredi,14 Mai, 2010

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PRÉSENTÉ PAR LAMBERTO TASSINARI
« John Florio, The Resolute », tient la clé de cette longue histoire d'identité. De grands personnages, entre autres, Charles Dickens, Henry James, Mark Twain et Sigmund Freud soupçonnaient que l'auteur d'Hamlet ne pouvait pas être l'homme de Stratford. John Florio n'était pas un Anglais de naissance ni de formation. Il était anglo-italien ou italo-anglais; en d'autres termes, un étranger. Et comment un étranger pourrait-il être à l'origine de la langue et de la culture anglaises? (Présentation en anglais)
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Dimanche, 16 Mai, 2010

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JEREMY RIFKIN (19:00)
Auteur, 'The Empathic Civilization: The Race to Global Consciousness in a World in Crisis'
Le « Huffington Post » (11 janvier 2010) en fait le meilleur résumé: la civilisation empathique émerge. Une nouvelle génération élargit rapidement sa culture empathique au-delà des affiliations religieuses et de l'identité nationale pour y inclure l'ensemble de l'humanité et le vaste projet de vie qui englobe le monde. Mais notre course à la connectivité universelle empathique se heurte à ce rouleau compresseur qu'est le changement climatique. Peut-on parvenir à prendre conscience de la biosphère et atteindre l'empathie globale à temps pour éviter l'effondrement planétaire?
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Lundi, 17 Mai, 2010

RÉCITS DE GUERRE (19:00)
TROIS AUTEURS RENOMMÉS ET RACONTEURS EXTRAORDINAIRES PARTAGENT L'HISTOIRE D'UN SOLDAT CANADIEN LORS DE QUATRE CONFLITS MARQUANTS : LA PREMIÈRE GUERRE MONDIALE, LA GUERRE DE LA CORÉE, LA DEUXIÈME GUERRE MONDIALE ET LA GUERRE EN AFGHANISTAN. PRÉSENTATIONS EN ANGLAIS DE TIM COOK, TED BARRIS ET CHRIS WATTIE.
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Mardi, 18 Mai, 2010

Stabilité En Milieu De Travail Dans Un Monde Instable (16:00)
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Jeudi, 20 Mai, 2010

***LIBERATION SWING BAND** (19:30)
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Vendredi, 21 Mai, 2010

CHRISTOPHE LAUDAMIEL (17:00)
L'ambassade de France présente Christophe Laudamiel au Festival canadien des tulipes !
« Les récepteurs du nez sont presque cent fois plus complexes que ceux des yeux. »
Christophe Laudamiel a créé avec Thierry Mugler un coffret de 15 arômes illustrant les scènes clés du film Le Parfum de Tom Tykwer, une adaptation du roman éponyme, best-seller de Patrick Süskind. Une aventure unique dans l'histoire de la parfumerie. (Présentation en anglais)
Christophe Laudamiel est un créateur de parfums. Son enfance fut passée à apprendre le nom de fruits exotiques, d'épices et d'autres plantes et fleurs.
Après une solide formation scientifique – il sort major de promotion de l'École Européenne des Hautes Études des Industries Chimiques de Strasbourg en 1991 – il enseigne la chimie au Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) et reçoit de Procter & Gamble en 1997 son diplôme de parfumeur créateur.
Christophe Laudamiel nous invite à un voyage au cœur de nos sens, des strates biologiques aux univers affectifs et émotionnels que l'odorat éveille. (Présentation en anglais.)
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Samedi, 22 Mai, 2010

***LIBERATION SWING BAND** (19:30)
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Dimanche, 23 Mai, 2010

***LIBERATION SWING BAND** (14:00)
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Lundi, 24 Mai, 2010

***LIBERATION SWING BAND** (12:30)
BILLETS 20 $

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Nintendo profits down 18%
Japanese game-maker Nintendo suffered its first drop in annual profit in six years, hit by a price cut for the Wii home console and sliding global sales. The maker of Super Mario and Pokemon games said Thursday its net profit for the fiscal year ended March 31 fell 18 per cent to 228.6 billion yen ($2.5 billion). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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BCE Inc. CEO George A. Cope, right, talks with BCE chief financial officer Siim Vanaselja at the company's AGM in Montreal yesterday.

Losses down for Air Canada

Improving business travel revenues helped Air Canada sharply narrow its losses in the first quarter as the economy continued to slowly recover in the first months of the year.

Canada's largest airline reported Thursday that premium cabin revenues grew by $58 million or 15 per cent from last year, driven by a 10.6 per cent increase in traffic.

The gains accounted for almost 70 per cent of the $84 million increase in system passenger revenues, which rose to nearly $2.1 billion.

Premium cabin yields — the price to fly a passenger per mile — improved in all markets, rising by 3.9 per cent. Lower yields in the economy cabin reduced overall pricing by 2.2 per cent across the system.

In another development, Air Canada says it expects to lose about $20 million in operating profits from flight cancellations after the closure of European airspace for five days in April because of volcanic ash from the volcanic eruption in Iceland.

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Recovering

- Air Canada lost $85 million in the seasonally weak first quarter ended March 31. That compares with a net loss of $400 million a year ago.

Usage-based Internet billing gets CRTC's OK

ONLINE The CRTC has approved Bell Canada's request to bill Internet customers, both retail and wholesale, based on how much they download each month.

The plan, known as usage-based billing, will apply to people who buy their internet connection from Bell, or from smaller service providers that rent lines from the company.

In the meantime, Canada's largest telecommunications company BCE Inc. rang up a $608-million profit in the first quarter, a period when the company showcased itself as the exclusive telecom services provider to the Vancouver Winter Olympics.

The company reported Thursday net earnings applicable to common shares of 79 cents a share, compared to profits of $377 million, or 48 cents, for the same 2009 period.

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Stronachs let go at Magna

AUTO Magna International Inc. shareholders will get a chance to end the Stronach family's absolute control over the global auto parts maker.

Frank Stronach and his family have controlled the company through a stock structure that gives the Stronach Trust more votes than all other shareholders. The company said Thursday Stronach Trust has now agreed to let other shareholders vote on eliminating the family's special rights.

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Lawrence Taylor faces rape charge

Pro Football Hall of Famer Lawrence Taylor was charged Thursday with rape for having sex with a 16-year-old runaway forced into prostitution by a man who had beaten her up, police said. Taylor, a 51-year-old former New York Giants star, paid the girl $300 US for sex, said Christopher St. Lawrence, supervisor of the town of Ramapo, N.Y. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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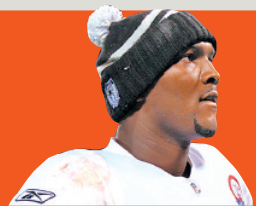

Raiders dump Russell

The Oakland Raiders released former No. 1 overall pick JaMarcus Russell, left, Thursday, ending a three-year tenure marked by his high salary and unproductive play on the field. The decision signifies that owner Al Davis finally lost patience with the immensely talented but unproductive player he drafted first overall in 2007 against the wishes of former coach Lane Kiffin. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Canada's soccer landscape expanding ever so quickly

It'sCalledFootball

This is the time when a columnist is supposed to coyly remind the reader he had it first.

The columnist code of ethics (of which there are none) dictates one should firmly remind the readers who broke the story, walk them through a tale of secret sources meetings and yet maintain a sense of decorum by not bragging.

When the Montreal Impact officially announces its expansion to MLS this morning, I won't be shouting from the rooftops that I originally reported this deal in November. Instead, I'm going to sit back and smile as the Canadian soccer landscape expands.

This is a special time for those of us who grew up playing the game on rough, worn pitches and watching our teams on illegal Internet feeds. We're now witnessing wholesale changes to the Canadian game in the blink of an eye.

It's staggering when you look back at what's happened in just five years. Canada now has three professional soccer franchises. Games are televised on national networks and there is more mainstream print coverage than anybody could have ever imagined.

Toronto FC has become the talk of the city. Hockey-crazed Montreal put 50,000-plus people in Olympic stadium for a soccer game in February. And Vancouver, already established as a North American leader for its deep-rooted soccer system, is on the cusp of becoming world-class when the renovation of B.C. Place and a national training centre are completed next year.

But the game isn't mainstream just yet.

Wednesday night, a few hundred footie fans gathered electronically, squinting and straining to watch an Internet feed of the Nutrilite Voyageurs Cup game between Montreal and Vancouver. Far from professional, this game was brought to you by a webcam and a microphone pointed at a flat screen TV.

It was gritty, it was ghetto, it was Canadian soccer. As the saying goes, the revolution will not be televised.

But make no mistake, by the time Montreal joins MLS in 2012, it will be.

Watch Ben Rycroft on the It's Called Football show three times a week on metronews.ca; ben.rycroft@metronews.ca

Canadiens even series

(Series tied 2-2)

Penguins 2 Canadiens 3

Maxim Lapierre and Brian Gionta scored early in the third period Thursday and the Montreal Canadiens held on for a 3-2 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins to even their Eastern Conference semifinal.

Trailing 2-1 going into the final period, the Canadiens lifted the noise from the Bell Centre crowd of 21,273 to deafening levels as they came back to beat the defending Stanley Cup champions after having been thoroughly outskated and outshot through the first 40 minutes.

Tom Pyatt scored in the first period for Montreal while Max Talbot and Chris Kunitz replied for the Penguins.

Jaroslav Halak, who made 33 saves, stopped Pens star Evgeni Malkin on a late breakaway to preserve the win. Marc-Andre Fleury faced 25 shots for the Penguins.

The best-of-seven series is tied 2-2 with Game 5 set for Saturday night in Pittsburgh.

The Canadiens got an early gift as Pyatt threw the puck at the net from a tight angle at the left boards and saw it hop through Fleury's pads 2:34 into the game. It was Pyatt's first career playoff goal.

Late in the third period, Penguins captain Sidney Crosby had a glittering chance to tie it but was thwarted at the side of the net during a power play. Crosby, who assisted on the Kunitz goal, went a fifth straight game without a goal and got only his third point of the series.

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Pittsburgh goaltender Marc-Andre Fleury looks on as Montreal's Roman Hamrlik celebrates teammate Brian Gionta's goal during the third period of Thursday's Game 4 in Montreal.

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Franzen, Wings hammer Sharks to stay alive

(Sharks lead 3-1)

San Jose 1 Detroit 7

NHL Johan Franzen had a natural hat trick in a 3:26 span of the first period, scored a fourth goal in the third, and set a Red Wings playoff record with six points as Detroit stayed alive with a 7-1 rout of the San Jose Sharks Thursday night in Game 4 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

San Jose will host Game 5 Saturday with another chance to advance to hockey's final four.

Franzen was originally credited with scoring the first goal 5:40 into the game, but a scoring change gave the goal to Todd Bertuzzi. That prevented Franzen from tying the NHL playoff record with four goals in a period.

Sharks goalie Evgeni Nabokov made just four saves in the first period and was replaced late in the frame by Thomas Greiss.

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Pittsburgh 11 Chicago Cubs 1
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Milwaukee at L.A. Dodgers

Sports in brief

NFL Adam (Pacman) Jones agreed to a two-year deal with the Cincinnati Bengals Thursday, putting the troubled cornerback on a team with a history of giving players second chances.

NBA Cavaliers star LeBron James says a few days of rest and treatment has helped his injured right elbow. James made it through practice Thursday without feeling any pain. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Men in tight

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It pays to have famous friends: Just ask Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle, who is one of Russell Crowe's Merry Men in real life, and now on the big screen in the action-filled Robin Hood. Crowe's new take on the classic story hits theatre's next week.

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Jay Baruchel goes 'socialist' in The Trosky.

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Newfoundland-born musician Alan Doyle, left, plays one of the Merry Men in Robin Hood.

Doyle up the action

Crowe picked Canuck singer for Merry Men role

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

Alan Doyle is admittedly one lucky dude. After all, the Newfoundland-born musician's band Great Big Sea has been a Canadian institution ever since the successful release of their 1993 self-titled debut album. But now, Doyle can call himself a movie star as well.

"I've been holding out for 40 years for the right chance," joked Doyle about his role in Robin Hood alongside Russell Crowe. "I picked a good one, didn't I?"

As it turns out, Doyle was chosen for the role. Having met Crowe in Toronto while the actor was filming Cinderella Man, the duo became fast friends over their love of music. As the tale goes, while Crowe was initially reading the script for Robin Hood, he discovered one of the Merry Men was a balladeer.

Movie feature

"He's done a bunch of movies since I've known him — he's never asked me to do one," said Doyle. "(But) I could see Russell reading the script and thinking 'hey, we need a dude who can play the lute, sing and write ballads on the spot and play Celtic instruments and his name is Allan A'Dayle…' I would've been pissed off if he hadn't thought of me to be honest!"

Doyle isn't just making a passing cameo either. The Newfoundlander underwent weeks of rigorous training with weapons and horses for huge epic battle sequences as one of Hood's fighting Merry Men. Further, he was asked to compose a few songs for the movie.

"(I got) three or four credits in there which is a thrill," said Doyle. "(But) as the years go by, I will exaggerate that."

Doyle won't be able to rest for long. After the film hits theatres, Great Big Sea will prepare to release their next album in July and follow it up with a tour. But with a potential cinematic franchise looming in Robin Hood, one wonders if the singer doesn't have at least one eye on a career in movies.

"I don't know, I've been pretty lucky with things my whole life," said Doyle humbly before quickly insisting: "I got this one by kind of not looking for it and that would be my tactic for the next one."

Robin Hood opens next Friday

On the web

- For trailers, screen times, photos — and to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Movie morsels

Iron Man 2

●●½

REVIEW Iron Man 2 opens not with a bang but with a whimper, as Mickey Rourke's Ivan Vanko — later to become villain Whiplash, weeps over his dying father in a cluttered Moscow apartment. It's a big risk for an action tentpole, but one a filmmaker like Jon Favreau can make riding a wave of goodwill after the franchise's critically and commercially successful first chapter two years ago. Unfortunately, Favreau and company spend the next two hours squandering all that good will. The film's primary problem is that it sidelines its main hero and villain, both Stark and Whiplash sequestered in their labs.

Ned Ehrbar/Metro World News

Kick-Ass

●●●½

REVIEW Matthew Vaughn's superhero flick Kick-Ass is an outrageous mix of stylized violence and dark humour that both gently mocks and pays homage to decades of superhero lore. The film follows a boring and anonymous teen who decides to become a crime-fighter known as Kick-Ass. A grainy cellphone video makes him an internet sensation, drawing the attention of a local crime boss who wants to take down the costumed vigilante harming his family business. **Phil Brown/For Metro Canada**

At a glance
Iron Man 2 ⊕⊕½, Max Manus ⊕⊕⊕½, La Danse ⊕⊕⊕⊕

Reel Time

⊕⊕⊕⊕⊕ A CLASSIC; ⊕⊕⊕⊕ EXCELLENT; ⊕⊕⊕ GOOD; ⊕⊕ FAIR; ⊕ POOR

Revolution of his own

Baruchel gets his Trotsky on

Canadian actor Jay Baruchel fights to bring "socialism" to his high school in the Montreal-based comedy The Trotsky.

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Jay Baruchel is Captain Canuck.

Despite having the kind of break-out Hollywood success most actors could only dream of — starring in the critically lauded She's Out of My League, the number one hit How to Train Your Dragon and headlining Disney's upcoming Sorcerer's Apprentice — the patriotic Canadian (he has a maple leaf tattooed over his heart) hasn't taken up digs in Los Angeles or New York. In fact, he still lives in Montreal where his latest movie was shot.

"It was genius," he says of making The Trotsky in his hometown. "If I go away to make movies it means I have to say goodbye to my mom, my cat, my friends, my bed, all that stuff, so to be able to go to my house every night and flip channels with my roommates and pet the cat was crazy."

"(In high school), I was incredibly impassioned and prone to crying and punching stuff and throwing fits and getting really angry so I had to channel that."
Jay Baruchel

In the comedy, directed by actor-turned director Jacob Tierney, he plays the budding Bolshevik Leon Bronstein, a 17 year old who believes he is the reincarnation of revolutionary Leon Trotsky.

"When I talked to Jacob about this I told him I was scared to play a character 10 years younger than me," he says. "I was trying to leave that behind but then I came to the Ferris conclusion. Ferris Bueller's Day Off is my favorite movie of all time and I realized that Leon kind of is Ferris in regards to the way he affects change in other people's lives and goes to war against his principal."

The Trotsky opens next Friday

Baruchel may have used Ferris Bueller as a muse but to fully round out the character he cobbled together a "bunch of subtle tiles in the mosaic that make up this weird guy."

First he looked back at himself. "In high school you just care about everything so much," he said. "I was incredibly impassioned and prone to crying and punching stuff and throwing fits and getting really angry so I had to channel that."

Then he added in some physical comedy. "I had this overriding idea that because he's such an odd bird there was room for some physical comedy and that's why I walk out of every scene like a cartoon character."

More than anything, however, he says he's thrilled to portray a side of Montreal that rarely gets seen on screen.

"If you watch English movies from the rest of Canada you'd never know that there are Anglos in Montreal," he says. "If you watch French movies from Quebec you'd never know there are Anglos in Montreal. So either way we're forgotten, but we're back! Anglo Montrealers are back everyone! We're coming at ya!"

Norway's war hero makes for a crowd pleaser in Max Manus.

Manus entertaining epic

Max Manus
Directors: Joachim Ronning, Espen Sandberg
Stars: Aksel Hennie
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW Though the title might suggest a movie about a eurotrash superhero, Max Manus is in fact a Norwegian war film about a resistance fighter who is legendary in his native land. Maximo Guillermo Manus (what a name!) joined the war early to help Finland fight off the Russians and soon became an undercover agent in Norway during the occupation.

Max sabotaged the Nazis at an impressively consistent rate, blowing up ships, destroying important documents, and escaping capture regularly. His story is well known in Norway where the film smashed box office records and it should be a pleasant surprise for North American audiences as well.

Max Manus is reminiscent of last year's Danish war drama Flame And Citron, which also focused on resistance fighters. But while that movie was dark and depressing, Max Manus is a rousing crowd pleaser.

Max is a classic movie hero and watching him fight on the battlefield or in the streets offers sheer cinematic joy. The film plays as a popcorn thriller for the most part and it's obvious why it was so successful in Europe. When Max's friends start to drop off like flies in the last act and he begins to lose his sanity, the filmmakers elevate the material above the bang-bang thrills, making this a surprisingly rewarding and complex little movie.

La Danse has all the right moves

La Danse
Director: Frederick Wiseman
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕⊕

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

REVIEW It's tempting to call Frederick Wiseman the grand old man of American documentary film. But given the 80-year old director's tendency for self-effacement in his work, it might be better to simply note that La Danse is as mesmerizing as any title in his back catalogue — even if the stakes feel a bit lower in documenting the goings-on at Parisian ballet company as compared to patient abuse at a mental health facility (Titicut Follies) or the addled forging of public policy (State Legislature).

It goes without saying that Wiseman's style in La Danse is observational: his adherence to the so-called direct-cinema aesthetic, with its elision of voice-over narration, talking-head interviews or any sort of contrapuntal montage remains firm.

And yet Wiseman's films are always intensely dramatic, because of his ability to arrange his slices-of-life across a narrative arc. In La Danse, he gives us extended scenes of dancers rehearsing their moves (and in some cases, being admonished for insufficient rigour) before showing us the same sequences in a full-dress, performative context: the fascination (and the pleasure) lies in noting the similarities and variations between them.

Stewart On The Road

Kristen Stewart will be starring in the screen adaptation of Jack Kerouac's On The Road. The New Moon star has confirmed that she is "very much attached" to play troubled drifter Marylou alongside Garrett Hedland's Dean Moriarty. IMDB.COM

Directors dig own cameos

InFocus

Richard Crouse

metronews.ca/infocus

"Alfred Hitchcock honed the art of the cameo to a science, turning up in 41 of his films."

John Favreau, left, and Alfred Hitchcock are two directors who have made appearances in their own films.

Iron Man 2 director Jon Favreau says the reason he cast himself in the role of Tony Stark's bodyguard Happy Hogan is "me being selfish and me wanting to be an actor in it."

One of his cast mates, however, thinks there might be an alternate reason. Gwyneth Paltrow, who plays Pepper Potts for the second time around in this weekend's Iron Man sequel, wonders if Favreau has a secret crush on her. You see, in the comic book series the film is based on Hogan and Potts become a romantic item.

"He marries this character in the comic book," she says, "so you never know. We'll see! If he wants to make out…"

Whatever the reason, many directors make a regular habit of placing themselves in their movies.

Alfred Hitchcock honed the art of the cameo to a science, turning up in 41 of his films.

Usually his appearances were limited to a quick hit, sometimes just as a silhouette, often as a face in the crowd, but a careful study of he films reveals the clever ways he inserted himself into the story.

The strangest cameo is one that may never have happened. In North by Northwest Hitch can be seen missing a bus during the opening credits but fans claim there is a second cameo later in the film.

Forty-four minutes there is a scene with a woman in a dress speaking to the police on a train which is rumoured to be the director in drag.

Hitchcock was so well known for his sneaky appearances in films he even made one following his death. In Psycho II, made three years after his passing, his famous silhouette can be seen in shadow just outside of Mother's bedroom.

The portly British director had the art of the cameo down to a science but he's not the only one.

The usually reclusive Terrence Malick plays an unexpected visitor at door, credited as Caller at Rich Man's House in his masterpiece Badlands and Oliver Stone can be glimpsed as the officer with a phone at the U.S. base's bunker when it is blown up in Platoon.

One of the most memorable but unrecognizable director cameos comes in Alien. When John Hurt looks into a transparent egg the facehugger was "played" by director Ridley Scott's gloved hands.

Richard Crouse's Movie Show can be seen every Sunday at 6:30 p.m. on the E! Channel; mrchaos33@hotmail.com.

Common takes lead in Wright

DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News

Hip-hop artist Common stars with Queen Latifah in Just Wright.

INTERVIEW Over the past few years, Common — best-known as a successful hip-hop artist — has been quietly building up his acting resume with small roles in Smoking Aces, Wanted and Terminator Salvation. Next weekend marks his leap into leading man status as Scott McKnight, a professional basketball player who falls a physical therapist (played by Queen Latifah) in Just Wright. He lets us know why he loves being a starter.

Q This is a departure from the hardened characters you've played in your past films. Was it difficult switching over to a romantic lead?

A This is not only my first romantic, leading character — it's my first leading role, period. I thought highly of my experience. I love being able to come in every day to act. A lot of times, I'm in movies and they might call me in and I might not even work that day. So it's fun to come in and be a part of this, like, equivalent to a basketball game. You know — being able to play in the game and be a starter.

Q You're in nearly every scene. Does seeing your face on-screen all the time rattle you?

A To be honest, I'm critiquing every little part. I do that even when I only have two lines (in a film). It's fun to have my friends and family come to a movie and not have to wait two hours before I come on screen.

Q So, serious question: When you talk to Queen Latifah, do you call her Queen Latifah or just Queen?

A I call her Latifah, and I got other names for her too. .

Q Oh? Like what?

A I'm just tripping with you. But yeah, I call her Latifah more than anything. But you know, sometimes you just have to refer to her as a queen. She is a queen but she seems so much like a friend.

Q What's the most, um, common headline you've seen in articles about you that use your name?

A Typically, "uncommon man" or something like that.

Obviously, I hope you use "extraordinary."

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This week's new releases are highlighted in pink.

Screen Times

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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

City Island (PG) Fri 9:30 Sat 7 Sun 12:45-8:30 Mon 6:50 Tue 9:20
The Counterfeiters (14A) Mon 9:05 Tue 4:35
Fish Tank (18A) Fri 6:55 Sat 4:25-9:15 Sun 3 Mon 4:15 Tue-Wed 6:45 Thu 9:20
Greenberg (18A) Thu 4:45
The Messenger (14A) Wed 4:30-9:20 Thu 7:05
A Single Man (PG) Fri 4:45
The White Ribbon (14A) Sat 1:30 Sun 5:35

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Thu

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri-Thu

CENTRETOWN MOVIES
Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W., 613-232-1534, centretownmovies.org

Listings not available at press time.

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Sun 1:45-4:30-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:25-10:05 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Sun 1-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:35
Date Night (14A) Fri-Sun 2:10-4:35-7:35-10:10 Mon 3:35-10:20 Tue-Wed 4:35-7:35-10:10 Thu 4:35-10:10
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:50-7:50-10:15 Mon-Tue 4:50-7:50-10:15 Wed-Thu 8:10-10:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 1:35-4:40-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:05-9:45
Gunless (PG) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40 Mon-Wed 3:40-6:40-9:40 Thu 3:40-6:40-9:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:10
Iron Man 2 (PG) No Passes Thu 12:01
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:45 Sat 6:45-9:45 Sun 12:50-3:50-6:45-9:45 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:45-9:45
The Last Song (PG) Fri 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Sat 7:10-9:50 Sun 1:20-4:20-7:10-9:50 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50
The Losers (PG) Fri-Sun 1:30-4:10-7:30-10 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:30-10
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Turandot Encore (STC) Mon 6:30
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Sun 2-4:45-7:20-9:55 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:45-7:20-9:55
Oceans (G) Fri-Sun 1:25-4:25-7:15-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:25-7:15-9:30

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri 3:35-6:35-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:35-6:35-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:35-6:35-9:10
Date Night (14A) Fri 3:55-6:55-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:55-6:55-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:55-6:55-9:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri 3:40-6:40-9:15 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:40-6:40-9:15 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:40-9:15
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:35-3:30-6:30-9:05 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:05
The Girl With the Dragon Tattoo (18A) Fri 4-8 Sat-Sun 12:30-4-8 Mon-Thu 4-8
Gunless (PG) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-6:45-9:20 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:20
Last Train Home (STC) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:25 Sat-Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:25 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:25

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403, mayfair-movie.com

At Home by Myself ... With You (STC) Sun 7
Emanuelle Around the World (STC) Sat 11
GoodFellas (R) Tue 9
Mean Streets (STC) Tue 7
The Misfortunates (18A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Wed-Thu 9:15
Parenthood (STC) Sat 3 Sun 1
Peacock King (STC) Fri 11
Poor No More (STC) Thu 7
The Secret of Kells (STC) Sat 1 Sun 3:30
A Single Man (PG) Fri-Sat 7 Mon 7 Wed 7
The Warriors (STC) Mon 9:15

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

No Films Showing Today (STC) Fri Sun-Thu
Tom Thumb (STC) Sat 2

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Rooney Mara plays Nancy — a teen tormented by Freddy Krueger in her dreams — in the remake of A Nightmare on Elm Street.

Avatar (PG) Fri-Thu 9:50-7:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Wed 10:40-1-3:05-5:10-7:15 Thu 10:40-3:05-5:10-7:15 Thu 1
Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 9:20
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-6:40-9
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:20-4:40-9:05
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 10:10-2:25-6:50
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 6:30-9:10
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-2:35-4:35
Tooth Fairy (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3-5:15

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 3:45-6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 1-3:45-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:30-9:10
The Losers (PG) No Passes Fri 4-6:45-9 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:15-4-6:45-9 No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:45-9
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 4:15-7-9:20 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:30-4:15-7-9:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:20

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

The Back-up Plan (PG) Fri-Thu 10:55-1:40-4:30-7:15-9:55
Clash of the Titans 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:05-3:50-7:20-9:55
Date Night (14A) Fri 11-1:10-3:20-7:30-9:50 Sat 7:30-9:50 Sun-Thu 11-1:10-3:20-7:30-9:50
Death at a Funeral (14A) Fri-Thu 11:15-1:50-4:15-6:45-9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:20-6:30 Mon 10:50-1:20 Tue-Thu 10:50-1:20-6:30
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Thu 10:40-1-3:15-6:25-9
Gunless (PG) Fri-Thu 10:15-12:40-3:40-6:40-9:40
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 11:05-1:35-4:20-7:10-9:50
Kick-Ass (18A) Fri 10:25-1:15-4:05-7:05-9:45 Sat 7:05-9:45 Sun-Thu 10:25-1:15-4:05-7:05-9:45
The Last Song (PG) Fri-Thu 3:35-9:35
The Losers (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:50-3:55-6:55-9:25
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4:10-7:25-10
Oceans (G) Fri-Thu 11:10-1:30-4:25-7:9:15

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Avatar 3D (G) Fri 8:45 Sat 6:30 Sun 5 Thu 9
Requins 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 1-4 Sun 10-1-4 Mon 1-4-7 Tue 1-4 Wed-Thu 1-4-7
Sharks 3D (STC) Fri 10-11-12-2-3-5 Sat 9:55-11-12-2-3-5 Sun 11-12-2-3 Mon 10-11-12-3-5-8 Tue 10-11-12-3-5-7-8 Wed 10-11-12-3-5-8 Thu 11-12-2-3-5-8
U2 3D (STC) Fri 7 Sat 9:30 Mon-Wed 9

CINÉ-CAMPUS UQO
283 rue St-Jean-Bosco, 819-773-1888

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Dragons 3D (G) Fri-Sun 1-3:20
Furry Vengeance (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3:10-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:10
Gainsbourg (G) Tue 1-3:40 Wed-Thu 7
Iron Man 2 (G) Thu 12:01
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri-Sun 12:50-3-6:50-9 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:50-3-6:50-9 Wed-Thu 6:50-9
Kick-Ass (13+) Fri-Sun 7-9:20 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:20 Wed-Thu 9:40
A Nightmare on Elm Street (13+) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alvin et les Chipmunks: La suite (G) Fri-Mon 12-2:05-3:40
Avatar (G) Fri-Mon 1:35-6:20 Tue-Thu 1:40-6:10
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri-Mon 4:25-9:10 Tue-Thu 12-4:10-8:20
La fée des dents (G) Fri-Mon 12-1:50-3:40 Tue-Thu 12-6:30
Gainsbourg (G) Fri-Mon 7:05-9:25 Tue-Thu 1:50-4:10-8:20
Journal d'un Dégonflé (G) Fri-Mon 12-1:40-5:25 Tue-Thu 2-4:30
L'Ecrivain Fantôme (G) Fri-Mon 5:15-7:30-9:40 Tue-Thu 1:55-6:05-9
Oscar et la Dame Rose (G) Fri-Mon 3:20-9:20 Tue-Thu 2-3:50-7:40-9:30
Percy Jackson et les Olypiens: Le Voleur de foudre (G) Fri-Mon 12-5:10-7:15 Tue-Thu 12-5:40

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon-Thu

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

La Dernière Chanson (G) Fri-Sat 7-9:30 Sun 1:10-3:40-7-9:30 Mon 7-9:30 Tue 1:10-3:40-7-9:30 Wed-Thu 7-9:30
Dragons 3D (G) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:30-7:15-9:45 Mon 7:15-9:45 Tue 1-3:30-7:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:45
Les Griffes de la Nuit (13+) No Passes Fri 7:05-9:15 No Passes Sat-Sun 12-2:15-4:30-7:05-9:15 No Passes Mon 7:05-9:15 No Passes Tue 12-2:15-4:30-7:05-9:15 No Passes Wed-Thu 7:05-9:15
Le Journal d'Aurélie Laflamme (G) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 12:30-3-6:30-9 Mon 6:30-9 Tue 12:30-3-6:30-9 Wed-Thu 6:30-9
The Losers (G) Fri 6:50-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Mon 6:50-9:35 Tue 12:50-3:35-6:50-9:35 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:35
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
Millenium 3: La Reine Dans le Palais des Courants d'Airs (13+) Fri 6:20-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:15-6:20-9:10 Mon 6:20-9:10 Tue 12:20-3:15-6:20-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:20-9:10
Océans (G) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 12:10-2:20-4:20-7:10-9:05 Mon 7:10-9:05 Tue 12:10-2:20-4:20-7:10-9:05 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:05
Petite Vengeance Poilue (G) Fri 7:20-9:40 Sat-Sun 1:20-3:50-7:20-9:40 Mon 7:20-9:40 Tue 1:20-3:50-7:20-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:40
Le Plan B (G) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:20 Mon 6:40-9:20 Tue 12:40-3:10-6:40-9:20 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:20

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

Alice in Wonderland (G) Fri-Thu 1-7
The Back-up Plan (G) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:55-5:25-7:45-10:20
The Bounty Hunter (G) Fri-Thu 3:45-10:10
Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:15-6:35-9:10
Date Night (G) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:40-5:05-7:15-9:30
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Millenium 3: La Reine Dans le Palais des Courants d'Airs (13+) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:35-6:40-9:45
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Gunless (PG) Fri 6:50-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:20 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
How to Train Your Dragon 3D (PG) Fri 6:30-9:10 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:30-6:30-9:10 Mon-Thu 5:7:40
The Losers (PG) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Thu 5:10-7:50
The Metropolitan Opera: Armida (STC) Sat 1
A Nightmare on Elm Street (18A) No Passes Fri 7:30-10:10 No Passes Sat-Sun 1:20-4:30-7:30-10:10 No Passes Mon-Thu 6-8:40

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Top albums on the Billboard 200

1. B.o.B Presents: The Adventures of Bobby Ray, B.o.B; 2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 3. Fever, Bullet For My Valentine; 4. My World 2.0, Justin Bieber; 5. Iron Man 2 Soundtrack, AC/DC. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Music

The power pop revival

New Pornographers come Together for new album

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI
for Metro Canada

The New Pornographers draw on The Beach Boys, The Kinks and Big Star, among other punchy, harmony-laden rock band.

"There are no more interesting rock and roll bands," writes American novelist Rick Moody in The New Pornographers artist bio. "(The New Pornographers) are also unable, it seems, to resist the challenge to make a perfect album, a form so dead."

If there's any controversial comment to make in a bio, it's probably to say there's nothing good happening in pop music anymore. Carl Newman, The New Pornographers' singer, clarifies the author's statement. "He didn't mean it in an insulting way," says ex-Vancouverite and now New York-based artist. "He was saying it's a noble gesture, trying to work in a format so many people think is dead."

It's true, Pornographers-like power pop — which draws from the Beach Boys, The Kinks and Big Star, among other punchy, harmony-laden rock bands — isn't the rage these days, but it's far from obsolete. Newman knows that, but he says classic pop has gone underground. "If Pet Sounds came out today it would be this weird alternative record," he says.

If anything The New Pornographers' music has kept the genre top of mind for many music fans. The band isn't pushing power pop into the mainstream — "I've had an underground career," he says — but with thousands of records sold worldwide, and veteran acts like Animal Collective and new bands such as Library Voices playing more pop-focused music they've had an influence.

The band actually took a step back from their polished distorted tunes on their last disc, Challengers, in favour of softer, melodic sounds. Their new record, Together, combines that subdued band — which also features Neko Case and Destroyer's Dan Bejar — with their louder selves.

"It exemplifies my contrary nature," says Newman, explaining how a song like Crash Years, a bubbly Case track winds up on the same album as the quiet, lo-fi piano song Valkyrie in the Roller Disco.

Newman admits that the disc is a bit of history lesson into the New Pornographers music. "It does take a lot of different things we've done," he says, adding that the only difference between how he wrote this disc and the previous ones was that Together was based around riffs he had in his mind. "More than the other albums, this was built around some kind of guitar or cello line that runs through a verse."

The band will tour behind Together for a while, but once that's over, in the past, Newman has released solo albums. He says it's unlikely he'll write another AC Newman disc for a while. "I want to do something different. Something that doesn't sound anything like my solo stuff or the New Pornographers," he says. "Or maybe I'm just talking out of my ass."

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Get lost on these music sites

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Alan Cross
metronews.ca/soundcheck

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People often ask me which music websites I visit the most. Herewith is a list I simply cannot do without.

AntiMusic: The website is a little kludgy and I hate the "pop-under" ads that come with it, so I subscribe to the free daily email newsletter — delivered before noon ET each day — which is extremely well done (anitmusic.com).

Chartattack: Canada's Chart magazine lives online with an excellent news section that often digs remarkably deep. Especially helpful when it comes to Canadian music news (chartattack.com/new).

Crazed Hits: Billed as "the music industry's leading A&R site," it's used by labels, talent scouts, managers and bleeding edge hipsters to find out who's new, who's hot and who's been signed (crazedhits.com).

The Daily Swarm: An aggregator of music news from newspapers, magazines, websites and blogs. There are other sites that do this, but few have the reach and variety. Just beware that some links may be NSFW (thedailyswarm.com).

Global Music: Another news aggregator but with an emphasis on gathering music news from around the planet. They offer a daily newsletter, too (globalmusic.net).

Heard on TV: Liked that song played at the end of Grey's Anatomy last night but frustrated by not knowing who did it? Go here heardontv.com. Good alternates: TV Show Music (tvshowmusic.com) and Tune Find (tunefind.com)

Hypebot: An excellent site for news and analysis regarding music, technology and new media from around the world. Perfect for the seriously geeky music fan who wants really get into what's going on from the business side (hypebot.com/hypebot).

Music Ally: Yeah, the name is a pun, but the content is very deep and insightful, even though it tends to focus on issues within the U.K. and European music industry (musically.com/blog).

PunkNews.org: Heavy on the punk rock scene — which they cover better than almost anyone else —but they also cover other genres (punknews.org).

Finally, there's **AllTop**, an aggregator of headlines from dozens and dozens of music sites (http://music.alltop.com).

Nice to see that the site I spend all my time curating, **ExploreMusic** (exploremusic.com), is right at the top. If you'd like to see more of my favourite sites, I have an expanded list today at ExploreMusic.com

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Twilight surprise

Oprah gave her studio audience a secret screening of The Twilight Saga: Eclipse during a taping of a Twilight special Wednesday featuring Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner and Dakota Fanning. **POPEATER.COM**

Television

Speeding while Living In Your Car

As a director on Curb Your Enthusiasm, David Steinberg helped nail the fictional Larry David's bullheaded sense of entitlement.

Now, the Winnipeg-born TV veteran is applying his comedy touch to the self-serving struggles of another arrogant character — fallen CEO Steve Unger — in the HBO Canada series, Living In Your Car.

"I guess rich and obnoxious is going to be my signature as a director," a jovial Steinberg admits in a phone interview from his home in Los Angeles.

Living In Your Car premieres Friday on HBO Canada

"Because Larry is that way, certainly, and (Steve) is that way as well. Larry is much more outrageous in Curb than (Steve) is, but not really. It's just that the tone is different."

The half-hour satire, which Steinberg also co-executive produces, stars John Ralston as a high-flying executive who loses everything when he's caught cooking the books. Steve cuts a deal to get out of prison early, but finds that his wife and 15-year-old daughter (played by Ingrid Kavelaars and Mariah Horner) have kicked him out of the house and that none of his former colleagues want anything to do with him.

Homeless and desperate to regain all that he's lost, Steve clings to the last vestige of his former self — his cherished luxury sedan.

The series was written by playwright George F. Walker, Dani Romain and Joseph Kay back in the days of Enron.

"And then of course there was all this new stuff," says Walker, referring to the subsequent fall of corrupt investment advisor Bernie Madoff.

"Which means it could be about anyone. But the thing that they all had in common, the guy we had in mind, was that they were charming. They believed what they were doing was good, they believed in trickle-down economics. Anything that was good for them was good for everyone and that this was just a little blip on their recovery road to success and even greater success. That belief in themselves, and that kind of childlike innocence mixed with a kind of almost devil-may-care foolishness is sort of what we came up with."

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John Ralston plays Steve Unger, an executive who has lost everything, in Living In Your Car, pictured here with actress Mariah Horner as Kate Unger.

Walker, whose previous acclaimed series include HBO Canada's The Line and CBC-TV's This is Wonderland, says Steve's earnest optimism is what makes the disgraced exec worth cheering for, and laughing at, despite his many faults.

Ralston says the show's quick pace helps to heighten the comedy as well. He notes that rapid-fire dialogue zips between characters who clip each others words, finish each other's thoughts.

"This is a really jam-packed show. (It's) one of the wonderful thing about cable these days and this whole idea of that half-hour format, which is a true 30-minute half hour. I think we're just about three or so scenes short of a one-hour network show."

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Gossip Girl goes to college

Based on the popular young adult books by Cecily von Ziegesar, Gossip Girl, has become a launching pad for young designers as much as it has for young actors.

With the third season finale approaching on May 17, co-creator Stephanie Savage sat down with Metro to talk about the challenges of taking characters to college and dealing with the pesky paparazzi while filming in New York City.

Q How has it been taking the Gossip Girl characters into their college years? That's where a lot of teen series flounder.

A I think the challenge of taking show the from high school to college was something that we tried to address from the very beginning of the show because Josh Schwartz and I had already gone through it on the O.C. and knew firsthand what a challenge that was. So from the beginning on Gossip Girl, we tried to make the franchise of the show much more New York City and much less high school. We actually pride ourselves on the fact they we never had a classroom set. So the challenge that we really had is more in terms of getting the characters to be able to stay in the same world and be connected with each other without that device of the high school that they all attend, and we're still kind of working out the kinks.

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Stephanie Savage

Q Does the media attention affect how you write the show?

A If we have, like, a certain two people kissing, we will absolutely think about making sure that that scene happens on set and not on a location because we don't want it reported in the media.

But that's hard, too, because maybe you do want people kissing in Central Park with a beautiful backdrop and not in Blair's bedroom, but you make that choice.

Q You seem to have had no trouble getting big fashion designers to let you use their work.

A We have a great relationship with designers, where they love to have their clothes on our show, which is such a blessing for us, and we love to have them.

We have designers who are fans enough that they want to play themselves on the show.

So it's great when Eleanor Waldorf is having a fashion show and Michael Kors will show up.

Mom's doc

FILM Award-winning documentarian Maureen Judge's new work, Mom's Home, will be shown on the Knowledge Network on Tuesday. Mom's Home is the final installment in her vérité documentary trilogy, exploring themes of love, betrayal and acceptance in parent and adult child relationships.

Mom's Home is a funny, compassionate and tension fraught one-hour documentary about aging mothers who move in with their grown daughters. It follows three pairs of mothers and daughters, who, despite their life experience, are still wrestling with their conflicting emotions, difficulties and sometimes ill-fated commitment to do what's best.

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In brief

CHESNEY Country music singer Kenny Chesney is one of thousands in Nashville sifting through waterlogged memories after floodwaters consumed his home this week. His publicist, Holly Gleason, says it's likely his house will be condemned after water rose past the first floor. He lost items from when he was in high school .

JACKSON The outlook for the sale of a one-of-a-kind Michael Jackson portrait isn't thrilling. The eBay.com auction of a fantastical portrait the King of Pop posed for before his death ended with no bids, according to the auction's organizer.

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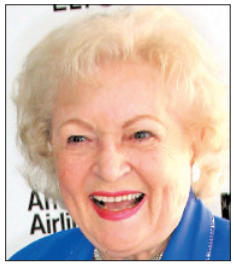
White set for SNL gig

The night before Mother's Day is going to be the mother of all Saturday Nights: TV icon Betty White will be the guest host of Saturday Night Live, with musical guest Jay-Z and a cast reunion of former female SNL stars Tina Fey, Amy Poehler, Maya Rudolph, Molly Shannon and Rachel Dratch.



Betty White

Does that mean that, Jay-Z aside, we're going to see SNL's first all-female ensemble?

"I certainly hope not," White said in a phone interview. "I'll have to go around hitting on every member of the crew."

A typically bawdy comment from the suddenly hot again 88-year-old veteran of Password, Mary Tyler Moore and Golden Girls, whose appearance on SNL was largely motivated by an avid Facebook and Twitter campaign.

Even then she was reluctant, though was eventually persuaded by her agent. "They're just so New York, and I'm so L.A.," she frets. "Honestly, I'm scared to death.

"I haven't a clue what I'm going to be doing. But I have been promised I won't have to do any nudity."

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	218	345	18	CHCH	*Equilibrium* ★ (2002, Science Fiction) Christian Bale.				*Running Scared* ★★★ (1986, Comedy-Drama), Billy Crystal				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Wife Swap (N)		Primetime: What Would You		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House "Lockdown"		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV) (N)		
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						MLB Baseball		Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	NHL Hockey Boston Bruins at Philadelphia Flyers. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)			Off the Record
family	554	544	48	TEL	Batman: Brave	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars Clo.	Futurama	King of Hill	*Spawn* ★★ (1997, Fantasy)		
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonny-Chance	Suite/Deck	*Skyrunners* (2009, Science Fiction)			(9:31) *Life Is Ruff* (2005, Comedy)			*Superman*
	551	542	65	YTV	iCarly "iQuit iCarly"		iCarly		Things I Hate	Survive This	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		Ways to Die	(9:41) Entourage		Entourage	Entourage
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*Destination: Infestation* (2007, Suspense)				Kenny vs.	Pure Pwnage	Misfits
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs Leeches.		Canada's Worst Handyman		Egypt Unwrapped (N)		Daily Planet
	581	566	53	MTV	After	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The Hills	After	1 girl 5 gays
	522	506	55	HIS	Ax Men (HDTV)		Nostradamus Effect		*Boiling Point* ★★ (1993, Action) Wesley Snipes.				Underworld
	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Bitchin	Road Grill	Road Grill	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/8/10	265	353	2	TVO	Hyena Queen		*Georgy Girl* ★★★ (1966, Comedy-Drama)			The Interviews	(10:15) *Dogfight* ★★★ (1991, Drama)		
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	*A Daughter's Conviction* (2006, Mystery) Brooke Nevin.				Jane Show	G-Spot	News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*My Life Without Me* ★★★ (2003, Drama) (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis		Bravo!FACT
	196	311	7	CTV	W5 (DVS)		Flashpoint		Law & Order "Brazil"		Law & Order: SVU		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Montreal Canadiens at Pittsburgh Penguins. (HDTV) (Live)						*The Quality of Life* (2008, Crime Drama)		
	-	360	9	NBC	Medicine	Paid Program	Parenthood (HDTV)		Law & Order "Brazil"		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13	CBS	Paid Program	The Insider	NCIS "Reunion" (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		48 Hours Mystery (N)		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Nation of Cha	Trendy Zone	*Stand Up, Don't Bend Over* ★★★ (1993, Comedy-Drama)				Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Nation of Cha
	214	344	15	CITY	Cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*Citizen Duane* ★ (2006, Comedy-Drama) (DVS)				Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Sunshine* ★★★ (1999, Historical Drama) Ralph Fiennes, Rosemary Harris, Rachel Weisz.								News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Awards	M. Williams	(8:15) NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers at Utah Jazz. (HDTV) (Live)						News
	-	365	36	FOX	NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup: Southern 500. (HDTV) From Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. (Live)								
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Rescued (N)		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Rescued
sports	406	417	27	net	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Chicago White Sox. (HDTV) (Live)						Sportsnet Connected		Poker
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tellement	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	Boxing	Boxing Pavlik vs. Martinez & Bute vs. Miranda.				NHL Pregame	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Sharks		
family	554	544	48	TEL	*Scooby-Doo! The Mystery Begins* (2009, Comedy)				Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Venture Bros.	Moral Orel
	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Strange Brew* ★★ (1983, Comedy)			*City Slickers II-Curly's Gold*	
	551	542	65	YTV	Zeke's Pad	Prank Patrol	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		CSI: Miami
	628	584	32	SPKE	*The Last Boy Scout* ★★★ (1991, Action) Bruce Willis, Chelsea Field.					Disorderly Conduct: Video		Disorderly Conduct: Video	
	616	521	39	SHO	ReGenesis (HDTV)		*Lava Storm* (2008, Suspense) (HDTV) Valérie Valois.				*Beowulf* ★★ (2007, Adventure)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	Canada's Worst Handyman		Deadliest Catch		License to Drill		Ghost Lab (N)
	581	566	53	MTV	MTV Live	Movie Night	After	After	Cribs	Cribs	MTV Live	Movie Night	After
	522	506	55	HIS	Nostradamus Effect		Cities of the Underworld		*Lions for Lambs* ★★ (2007, Drama) Robert Redford.				Underworld
	603	561	95	FN	Glutton	Pitchin' In	100 Mile Challenge		Chopped "Fired Up!"		Top Chef Masters		Hell's Kitchen

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
5/9/10	265	353	2	TVO	Billy Connolly: Journey to the		A Mother Like Alex (N)		Annie Leibovitz: Life Through a Lens			The View From Here	
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	King of Hill	Cleveland	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	TMZ (N)		Gossip Girl (HDTV) (N)		Monk		Law & Order: SVU		In Fashion
	196	311	7	CTV	Human Target		The Amazing Race 16		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Flashpoint		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	To Be Announced		NHL Hockey Vancouver Canucks at Chicago Blackhawks. (HDTV) (Live)						fifth estate
	-	360	9	NBC	Dateline NBC (HDTV)		Minute to Win It (N)		The Celebrity Apprentice (HDTV) (N)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV) (N)		The Amazing Race 16		*Jesse Stone: No Remorse* (2010, Crime Drama)				CSI: Miami
	216	395	14	OMN2	Just for Laughs		Bollywood Boulevard		Most Amazing	Most Amazing	Aaram	Arirang Korea	Of Blessings
	214	344	15	CITY	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Survivorman (DVS)		Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*The Brady Bunch Movie* (1995, Comedy)				*What Women Want* ★★ (2000, Romance-Comedy) Mel Gibson.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Extreme Makeover: Home		Desperate Housewives		(10:01) Brothers & Sisters		News
	-	365	36	FOX	'Til Death (N)	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Cleveland	Family Guy	American Dad	FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Rescued		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Rescued
sports	406	417	27	net	30 in 30 (HDTV)		MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	Humanima	Amour, haine et propagande		Le Téléjournal	Les Coulisses du pouvoir		Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	E:60		NBA Basketball Phoenix Suns at San Antonio Spurs. (HDTV) (Live)					SportsCentre (HDTV)	
family	554	544	48	TEL	Spliced	Total Drama	Stoked	6TEEN	Futurama	King of Hill	Chicken	Futurama	Tripping-Rift
	557	540	51	FAM	Wingin' It (N)	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Akeelah and the Bee* ★★★ (2006, Drama)				*Hero at Large*
	551	542	65	YTV	*Cheaper by the Dozen 2*		Kid vs. Kat	Family Biz	Fries That?	Fries That?	Survive This	Zixx Level	Adrenaline
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Family Jewels	Kirstie Alley	Kirstie Alley	Family Jewels
	628	584	32	SPKE	Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest Warrior (HDTV)		Deadliest
	616	521	39	SHO	Pure Pwnage	Trailer Park	*Destination: Infestation* (2007, Suspense)				*10,000 B.C.* ★ (2008, Adventure)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs		Dirty Jobs
	581	566	53	MTV	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	The Challenge: Fresh Meat II		The Challenge: Fresh Meat II		1 girl 5 gays
	522	506	55	HIS	Ice Road Truckers		Hero Ships		*Under Siege* ★★★ (1992, Action) Steven Seagal, Tommy Lee Jones.				
	603	561	95	FN	Challenge		Chef Academy		Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant

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Gandolfini may take on taxi role

James Gandolfini may find himself at the wheel of his first TV series since The Sopranos. HBO says Gandolfini is an executive producer of Taxi 22, which is described as a half-hour comedy centring on a politically incorrect New York City cab driver. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

A to Z of what's wrong with Lost

Lost fans know how the Man in Black feels. Just as this Lost character has interminably been imprisoned on the Island, they have been trapped on Tuesday nights.

Most were excited at the beginning of the season — juiced by the high of a stellar fifth season. But beyond a few high points this year, the series seems to reach new lows as it trudges toward what has to be an unbelievably amazing finale to justify the drawn-out tease this season has been.

Just what has gone wrong this season? Here's an A-to-Z guide to Lost's troubles this year.

ABC

Can the last few hours of Lost save what many believe is a disappointing season? Ben Linus (left) and John Locke (right) have become shadows of themselves. And Jacob (centre) did not live up to the hype.

A is for Aphasia: Making Sun lose the ability to speak English after she ran into a tree is likely one of the lowest plot developments in this or any other season. What was the point? The only result was the two lines that best illustrate how off the writing has been. Right after it happens, Miles says: "She hits her head and forgets English? We're supposed to buy that?"

B is for Battlestar Galactica: With four episodes left, Lost has a chance to pull its fat from the fire. But it looks like it's following BSG's final trajectory where, in moving from ambiguity to clarity, it collapsed under the weight of its mythology. The result was a terrible finale with what felt like a tacked-on happy ending and a literal hand-of-God moment that effectively devalued the show's best theme.

C is for Continuity: This season has felt like it's moved slowly and, really, it's as if the creators are just filling plot holes in the leaky narrative. Unfortunately, most of the answers have been unsatisfying.

D is for Desmond's death: Did anybody think that Sayid actually shot the man in the well? Desmond asks Sayid one question, and the vacant-eyed assassin immediately has a change of heart?

E is for Endings: Admittedly, endings are hard. Lost will be lauded in television history for committing to a finale three years before the actual ending, which would make you assume that this year has been planned out well in advance. But really, this year's odd, slow pace feels like helium leaking out of a balloon as opposed to a big bang.

F is for Faith vs. Free will: These are some of the show's enduring themes. We all get that Jack is now the man with faith in the Island. But why? What did Locke's faith get him? Does anyone buy Jack's conversion?

G is for Guns: Would somebody please shoot somebody? "A wise man once said war was coming to this Island." Really? Where is it?

H is for Hydra Island: It seems that's where the action is going to be.

I is for Ilana getting blown up real good: Yes, we know it referenced Arzt's death. With Ilana, what a waste of a character. Her sudden death is a sign of how quickly the writers are running out of ideas.

J is for Jacob: Introducing him was supposed to move us on to another plane of reality that explains things. Of course, as a leader, his instructions are about as effective as Dumbledore's in the Harry Potter books.

K is for Kissing Kims: The Sun-Jin lip lock was a long time coming, and decent enough, but didn't it feel like it was dragged out? And their reunion was so short-lived.

L is for Locke and Linus (as in Ben): Both are shadows of their former selves. Locke, literally, but Ben is almost the more regrettable, as he's gone from being a hated, but extremely interesting, character to pretty much a useless wimp.

M is for Man of Science, as in whatever happened to?: Who needs science, when you've got, well, whatever you've got. Another theme casually tossed aside.

N is for the Numbers: This is a perfect example of the unsatisfying answers. So the numbers represent the candidates on the Lighthouse dial. Okay. That's it?

O is for Others: For a bunch of folks who lived on the Island for years, they got made short work of.

P is for Parallel Reality: For much of this season, the looks at the sideways L.A. reality have been boring. It took too long for Desmond to start making the connections between the two.

Q is for Quantum Theory: Lost gets points for teaching folks the basics of the many worlds theory of quantum mechanics, but this all feels like a rip-off of DC Comics' Crisis on Infinite Worlds.

R is for Religion: As the Jacob-Man in Black morality play finishes up, it's clear God plays dice with the cosmos.

S is for Sayid: As a personal favourite, his descent into zombie-like sullenness has been particularly disappointing.

T is for Time Invested. This is the argument that many folks who aren't enjoying this season when saying they'll stick it out.

U is for Unanswered Questions: Be ready to have some of your queries left completely untouched.

V is for V: Even with all of the complaints, having to settle for ABC's other Tuesday night genre show is a definite downgrade.

W is for Widmore: Hey Charles! When are you actually going to do something soon?

X is for Xbox Live: Why? Well because it gives us the opportunity to say that the Lost: Via Domus videogame released in 2008 totally sucked, too.

Y is for You All Everybody: I actually like what I've heard of Driveshaft's song.

Z is for Zoë: Introducing new characters this season is idiotic. Widmore's right-hand girl might be interesting but at this stage of the game, it's far too late to make me care. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

An extra half hour

- Lost has found an added half-hour to expand its big series conclusion. ABC says the May 23rd finale originally scheduled for two hours is now set to air from 9 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Eastern. Preceding the finale will be a retrospective special, Lost: The Final Journey, airing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Eastern. It will look back at the past six seasons of this mystical thriller.

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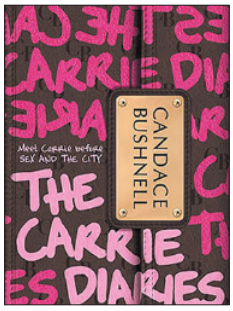
Jesus Christ gets animated
Comedy Central has a cartoon series about Jesus Christ in the works. Titled JC, the series depicts Christ as a "regular guy" who moves to New York to "escape his father's enormous shadow." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diaries gives SATC fans a young Carrie

HEATHER BUCHAN
for Metro Toronto

Sex and the City 2 isn't hitting theatres until the end of the month, but for Carrie Bradshaw fans, the release of The Carrie Diaries — author Candace Bushnell's teen prequel to her original 1997 novel Sex and the City — should serve as a good fix.



The Carrie Diaries.

It's Carrie's coming-of-age story and takes readers back to 1979 and her life as a high school senior in small-town Connecticut.

"I tried to capture the emotional realities of being 17," says Bushnell, 51, over the phone from New York, where she is kicking off a whirlwind book North America tour to launch this, her sixth novel. "I had an especially great time writing The Carrie Diaries because I love the character Carrie."

Not only does Diaries focus on Carrie's first love, but it also touches on her evolving sense of fashion and her dreams of one day becoming a writer.

Like her character Carrie, Bushnell grew up dreaming of being a writer and living in Manhattan. "It was something that I dreamed of doing since I was a little kid," she says. "And, like Carrie, when I was in high school, I knew what I wanted to do, but I had no idea how to get there."

Similarly to Carrie, Bushnell moved to the Big Apple at 18, and became a columnist while struggling to pay the bills. As her 20s rolled into her 30s, Bushnell also became (like Carrie) a bona fide New York celebrity, dating a bevy of wealthy bachelors (including publishing giant Ronald A. Galotti who is rumoured to be the inspiration for Mr. Big).

Aside from her career-defining Sex and the City, Bushnell has penned several other smash-hit, chick-lit novels, including Four Blondes (2001), Trading Up (2003), Lipstick Jungle (2005), which was also adapted into a TV series, and One Fifth Avenue (2008).

In 2002, at the age of 43, Bushnell settled down, marrying Charles Askegard, a dancer with the New York City Ballet, to whom she remains happily married.

So what has the women behind Carrie Bradshaw learned about love? "It's what you bring and it's your attitude," she says. "You always hear people say, 'Oh, I have to find my other half,' but you kind of have to be a whole to begin with."

Unlike Carrie, however, Bushnell reveals her biggest splurge wasn't on shoes, clothes or jewelry. "Ohhhhhh, it was real estate. That's all I'm going to say," she says.

Bushnell is already working on a follow up to Diaries. "It's (Carrie's) first summer in New York and gosh, I think anybody's first summer in the big city is full of adventure," she says of her next novel. "There's still so many more books I want to write and I feel like, hey, I'm not dead yet!"

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Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 George Re-cut

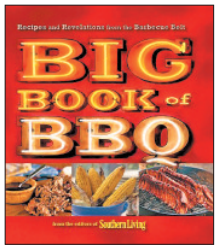
POP CULTURE Julia Louis-Dreyfus may have gotten a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame — typo and all — but it's Jason Alexander's character, George Costanza, who is getting the attention these days thanks to this You Tube hit. The trailer rearranges the neurotic Seinfeld character's scenes into a dramatic movie trailer. youtube.com/watch?v=_Crw85HvIFs

2 Jack Daniels

DRINKS No more having to mix your own JD and cola; the granddaddy of Tennessee whiskey has created a line of ready-to-drink cocktails — Jack & Cola, Jack & Lemonade, and Jack & Iced Tea.

3 Big Book of BBQ

FOOD With most of the country finally in the grip of spring, the smell of BBQ-ing is again wafting its way through Canadian neighbourhoods — making it the perfect time to pick up this collection from the editors of Southern Living. Not only does it contain recipes, but also a list of the best 'Q locations in the U.S.



4 Machete

MOVIES In time for Cinco De Mayo, filmmaker Robert Rodriguez extended his fake trailer which appeared as part of his 2007 Grindhouse collaboration with Quentin Tarantino. The trailer stars an impressive list, including Cheech Marin, Con Johnson, Jessica Alba, Steven Segal and Robert De Niro. youtube.com/watch?v=MKhChMHhBN8

5 Other People's Rejection Letters

BOOK Those with a voyeuristic bent will love this look at the letters people have received ending their relationships, having job offers turned down, and even killing their careers.

6 Next Star

TELEVISION Think your kid has what it takes — or maybe you've just dreamed of being a stage parent? YTV is on the search for Canada's next singing sensation. Adamo Ruggiero of Degrassi: The Next Generation is once again hosting the talent search.

7 Virtual New York City

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The festival celebrates the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Holland and the Canadian naval centennial anniversary.

Meet Artist Gordon Harrison

When: Friday, 5-9 p.m.
Where: The Rideau Club

Hear about Gordon's journey as an artist, his passion for Canadian landscapes, what inspires him.

Tarts n' Crafts

When: Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Jack Purcell Community Centre

Features new and returning vendors from Ottawa, Gatineau, Montreal, Toronto and Kingston. $12.

Innovapost Share the Power of a Wish Walk/Run

When: Saturday
Where: Ottawa City Hall

The third annual event, which includes a 1, 5, and 10K walk or run, raises money for Make-A-Wish Eastern Ontario.

Kanata Art Club 24th Juried Exhibition and Sale

When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Britannia Gallery

An exhibition of fine art work in a variety of mediums.

M&M Meat Shop's 22nd Charity BBQ

When: Saturday
Where: Ottawa M&M locations

Raising $2 million for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.

Baby Gallagher
Noel Gallagher plans to call his baby Carlos, paying tribute to his sporting hero, Manchester City soccer player Carlos Tevez, when he becomes a father for the third time in September, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

The edgy actress gets edgy in front of crowds

GETTY IMAGES

UM, YEAH. WOULDN'T YOU TOO? She's the heroine of the blockbuster Twilight franchise — and gets to make out with Robert Pattinson — but Kristen Stewart doesn't always put on a happy face at red carpet events and other appearances, usmagazine.com reports.

"People say I'm miserable all the time," Stewart, 20, says in the June issue of Elle magazine.

She explains, "It's not that I'm miserable. It's just that somebody's yelling at me ... I literally, sometimes, have to keep myself from crying," on the red carpet.

"It's a physical reaction to the energy that's thrown at you."

Then there's her demeanor on late night talk shows or awards fest.

"It's funny that when I go onstage to accept an award, they think I'm nervous, uncomfortable, and awkward," Stewart quips, "and I am — but those are bad words for them."

The edgy star also resents losing her privacy to worldwide fame.

"Somebody knocked on my hotel room door and asked for a light, then said that they were a big fan. I was like, 'Do you really need me to light your cigarette? How do you know what room I'm in?' I can't be by myself and I like being by myself."

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Bombshell is empathetic

WHEN IT COMES TO JESSE JAMES SLEEPING WITH DOGS. IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. OK, MAYBE IT ACTUALLY IS Michelle "Bombshell" McGee, the other woman in the cheating scandal that led to the demise of Sandra Bullock and Jesse James' marriage, claims that Bullock is at least partially to blame for James having an affair.

"They slept with nine dogs in the bed," McGee told Howard Stern during his radio show.

"She liked to sleep with all the dogs in the bed. I feel bad for her, I do."

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CelebTweets

DEMI LOVATO is too tired to drive, **NEIL PATRICK HARRIS** is getting tipsy, **JIMMY KIMMEL** overestimates his own popularity, and **DIABLO CODY** is confused by candy. @ddlovato Today hasn't started off so great ... I was so sleepy this morning I got in my first little accident in my car. :(blahhh @ActuallyNPH I dare say my favorite alcoholic beverage is cold sake. Leaves me happy, buoyant, a little giggly. Drinking it now. Close second: Tequila. @jimmykimmel "Twitter is over capacity. Too many tweets!..." I can't believe it — I actually choked twitter to death. I murdered twitter. @diablocody I just ate a Ritter Sport. I'm an athlete!

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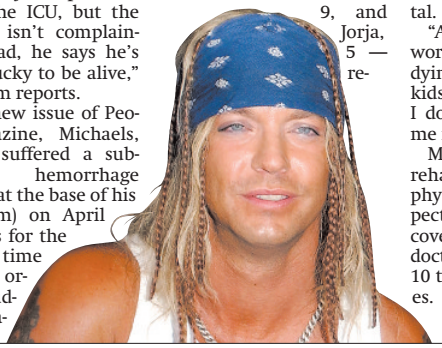
His brain was bleeding

BUT BRET IS BACK IN ACTION. LET'S JUST HOPE IT'S NOT TOO MUCH ACTION Bret Michaels may have just spent 10 days in the ICU, but the rock star isn't complaining. Instead, he says he's feeling "lucky to be alive," people.com reports.

In the new issue of People magazine, Michaels, 47, who suffered a subarachnoid hemorrhage (bleeding at the base of his brain stem) on April 21, speaks for the first time about his ordeal, including a dramatic moment when he first arrived at the hospital.



In the emergency room, the rocker — dad to Raine, 9, and Jorja, 5 — recalls being asked by a doctor if he had kids, and the doctor telling him to have them brought to the hospital.

"And I said in these exact words, 'Am I dying? If I'm dying, I want to see my kids, but if I have a chance, I don't want them to see me in this condition.'"

Michaels is currently at a rehabilitation facility for physical therapy, and is expected to make a full recovery — something his doctor says only occurs in 10 to 20 per cent of all cases.

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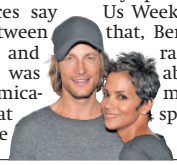
Relationship not all light and air

THERE'S ENVY AND EGO IN THERE, TOO Sources say the breakup between Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry was anything but amicable, despite what the former couple says publicly, according to Us Weekly. And on top of that, Berry reportedly harangued Aubry about his career for months before they split.



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Yep, it's back on

BUT NOT THAT ON Coy as ever, Jude Law may have dropped a hint to Access Hollywood that he's ready to propose to Sienna Miller again. When asked if they were engaged, Law said, "Not at the moment. Not at the moment. That's all I can say." The pair called off their initial engagement in 2006 after Law was caught cheating on Miller with his children's nanny. "I'm very happy. I'm very happy to be happy," Law said of the couple's reconciliation.

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Tick tock goes Jessica's baby clock

TIME TO SPROG UP AGAIN Jessica Alba wants to be a mother again and thinks she "should do it soon," femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress has one child, 23-month old daughter Honor Marie, with her husband Cash Warren, but is broody and wants them to expand their family — either by getting pregnant or adopting.

When asked if she was thinking of having more children, Jessica told Tatler magazine: "Of course! And I feel like I should do it soon ... You bring these kids into the world, so you might as well participate."

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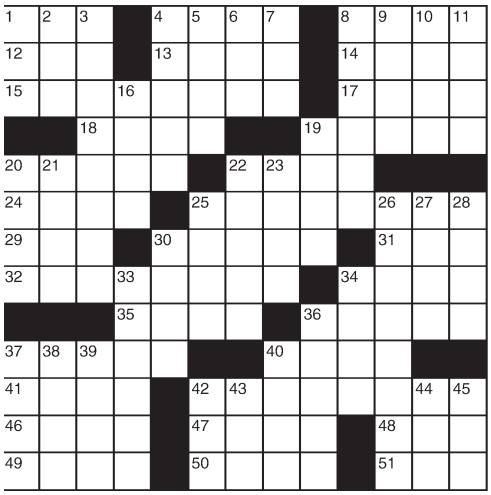

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19 Relinquish
20 Bound bundles
22 Accomplishment
24 Debtor's worry
25 Sailor, often
29 Commotion
30 Dunkable treats
31 Neither partner
32 Flyer
34 Old portico
35 "My bad"
36 Prompter's job
37 Star of westerns?
40 String
41 Spellbound
42 Wallet
46 Anger
47 Urban disturbance
48 Chemical element with the shortest name
49 Raised
50 Helps
51 Schedule abbr.

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7 Wapiti
8 Ghost
9 Sharpen
10 Pedestal occupant
11 Fix
16 Tied
19 Tibetan herd
20 Mediocre
21 Verdi opera
22 Senses
23 Greenpeace subj.
25 Faucet problem
26 Poison remedy
27Midday
28 RuPaul's costuming
30 Bassoon's cousin
33 Trailed relentlessly
34 Browse the Web
36 Indianapolis team
37 Zinger
38 Culture medium
39 Venetian magistrate
40 Oaf
42 Push-up provider?
43 Square root of IX
44 Illuminated
45 "CSI" evidence

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

	7						6	
3				1				7
6			5		4			9
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		2	1		9	3		
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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

9	3	5	4	1	7	2	8	6
8	1	4	3	6	2	5	9	7
7	2	6	9	5	8	3	4	1
4	6	7	2	9	3	8	1	5
2	8	1	7	4	5	6	3	9
3	5	9	6	8	1	4	7	2
1	9	8	5	3	6	7	2	4
5	7	3	1	2	4	9	6	8
6	4	2	8	7	9	1	5	3

On the web

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Jamaican Jerked Chicken Salad

INGREDIENTS:

4 scallions, thinly sliced
3 cloves garlic, minced
1/4 tsp dried thyme
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp ground allspice
1 tsp salt
4 tbsp red wine vinegar
2 tbsp Dijon mustard
2 tsp dark brown sugar
1 lb skinless, boneless chicken breasts
1 tbsp olive oil
2 cups pineapple chunks
4 kiwis, peeled and cut into wedges
1 large red pepper, cut into matchsticks
1 cup jicama matchsticks

METHOD:

1. In large bowl, stir together garlic, thyme, black pepper, allspice, half of scallions and 1/2 tsp salt. Stir in 2 tbsp of vinegar, 1 tbsp mustard, and brown sugar. Add chicken, rubbing mixture into meat. Cover and set aside.

2. In separate bowl, whisk together remaining vinegar, mustard, 1/4 tsp salt and oil. Add remaining scallions, pineapple, kiwis, red pepper and jicama, and toss.

3. Preheat broiler. Broil chicken 15 cm from heat, 4 minutes per side, or until cooked through. When cool enough to handle, slice chicken on diagonal. Add to bowl and toss.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A positive attitude is a must. Forget about things that go wrong and focus on things that go right — there are still plenty of them.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
If you are in a loved one's bad books then it might be wise to make amends. A heartfelt apology will get you off the hook — this time.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Venus in your sign links with Mars in the area of your chart that governs travel and communications, so get out and about and meet new people today.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
This may be an important time for financial matters but you don't need to worry yourself sick about them. You'll find a way out of your dilemma.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
A more relaxed attitude to both personal and professional matters will pay dividends, even though you may not see much progress today.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
You may look tough on the outside but you are a lot more sensitive than most people realize. Bu today you'll experience incredible highs. Enjoy it!

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Life is not a zero sum game: someone else does not have to lose every time you win. Don't feel bad that you have gained so much.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Your hunger for success is so strong that you won't let anything or anyone stand in your way. Use your charm and you'll soon be on your way to the top.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If an idea you thought was a good one is not working out the way you expected just ditch it and try something else.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
So many of the things you have been worrying about bear no relation to reality. You have simply got into the habit of expecting certain things to go wrong.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A relationship problem is nowhere near as serious as you have persuaded yourself that it is, and you can easily resolve it. So what are you waiting for?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
It's good that you are pushing yourself beyond your usual limits but don't push yourself so far and so fast that you risk losing touch with reality.

This day in history

1718: The city of New Orleans is founded by Jean-Baptiste Le Moyne de Bienville.
1915: A German submarine sinks RMS Lusitania, killing 1,198 people including 128 Americans. Public reaction to the sinking turns many formerly pro-Germans in the United States against the German Empire.
1986: Canadian Patrick Morrow became the first person to climb each of the Seven Summits.
1998 :Mercedes-Benz buys Chrysler for $40 billion US and forms DaimlerChrysler in the largest industrial merger in history.

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